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The Revival of the Roman Empire

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D.D.

"WE must be ready, at a given moment to mobilize five million men, and be able to arm them. Then, tomorrow, between 1935 and 1940, we shall be at a point which I would call crucial for European history."

In May 1927, Mussolini uttered these significant words during the course of an address delivered before a cheering throng of his countrymen.

One thought is uppermost in the mind of the Italian Dictator; in fact it has become an obsession with him, namely, the revival of the old Roman Empire. He is determined to let nothing keep him from realizing this ambition. It has become the consuming passion of his soul.

He thinks of himself as a man of destiny, a modern Julius Caesar, whose supreme mission in life is to perform this task. Concerning Caesar, Mussolini says he was "the greatest man that ever lived."

Current Opinion

Speaking on behalf of Ethiopia before the council of the League of Nations last month, Professor Gaston Jeze ridiculed the Fascist conception of the "Supernatural Mission for Eternal Rome" and scathingly declared that Mussolini plans to master the Ethiopians for the purpose of later training and hurling them against the nations of Europe in a final Armageddon which would make himself emperor of the world.

In 1933, Emil Ludwig asked the Italian Superman this question: "If you really believe what you say, why don't you found Europe? Napoleon tried to do so and so did Briand. Mussolini as the founder of Europe! You might become the leading figure of the twentieth century!"

To which Mussolini replied: "True, I am nearer to this than I was five years ago. But the time is not yet ripe. The crisis has first to be intensified. New revolutions will come and it is as their sequel that the type of the European of tomorrow will be established."

The Jewess, Margherita Sarfatti, who has labored at Mussolini's side for more than a score of years, declares: "He is a Roman from top to toe and to the marrow of his bones. From his earliest childhood the story of Rome, with its myths and legends, has fascinated him."

In restoring the old Roman salute,

which is the arm raised and extended straight from shoulder, he said: "We have done away with hand-shaking. The Roman greeting is more hygienic, more tasteful, and wastes less time."

His official emblem, consisting of an axe with a bundle of sticks, is a symbol of authority revived from the days when Rome ruled the world. It is the same insignia that now appears on the tail side of the new American dime.

Rising suddenly to power the night of October 27, 1922 when he directed his famous "March on the City of Rome", the latest whim of Mussolini has since become terror of all the countries of Europe. Four days after the famous "March", he was the most talked of man in the world and to this hour has held the spotlight of public acclaim.

From that day until the present time, I have constantly discussed him as a dramatic figure destined to play an important part in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy as we approach the closing days of this age.

Fierce Control of Men

Men and women are as pawns in the hands of this modern war lord. He once said his father was a blacksmith and bent iron, but that his task was more difficult because he was required to bend souls.

"Human beings, the materials upon which the statesman works, are living matter", says Mussolini. "That is why he is engaged upon a task very different from that of the sculptor, who works in marble or in bronze. My material is changeable, complex, subject to the influence of the dead and also to the influence of women. The whole substance is so plastic that inevitably the consequences of action will differ at times from what the doer had expected."

He once wrote: "We do not believe in

SORRY

Space is not available this month to publish the previously announced study of that remarkable prophetic book "Titan, Son of Saturn" by Joseph Birbeck Burroughs. This special treat will have to be carried over until next month.

—Editor

the sacredness of human family."

As for the opposite sex, Mussolini declares: "Women exert no influence upon strong men."

This statement, together with the monkish life which the Dictator lives, reminds us of Daniel's description of the Antichrist: "Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women."

Equally interesting is the quotation from the "Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion" describing the coming World Ruler who is expected to set upon a system of the world-wide Jewish government: "The King of the Jews must not be at the mercy of his passions, and especially of sensuality: on no side of his character must he give brute instincts power over his mind. Sensuality worse than all else disorganizes the capacities of the mind and clearness of views, distracting the thoughts to the worst and most brutal side of human activities. The person of the Supreme Lord of the World must sacrifice, to his people, all personal inclinations."

The Protocols are mysterious documents prepared ostensibly by the sinister hierarchy of international, occult Jews who, from all indications, are working behind the scenes to create a world-wide government which will resemble in many ways both Fascism and Communism.

While in Europe this year, it came to me that Mussolini is of Jewish origin. That he is surrounded by a circle of occult Jews, and has access to the various arteries of international Jewish finance, is well known.

I predict that some day the world will learn that both Fascism and Communism are the products of perverted Jewish intellectualism.

Guided by Unseen Powers

In announcing the coming of Antichrist, Paul says: "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after

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"I SAW THE BEAST RISE OUT OF THE SEA"

REV. 13:1

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the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

From boyhood days, Mussolini has been guided by the action of unseen forces upon his personality. *He is known to be an occultist who relies upon black magic as the secret of his strength.* To use the language of Paul, we may say he is under the influence of "seducing spirits".

In the introduction of Emil Ludwig's book, *"Talks With Mussolini"*, the following statement catches the eye: "He had been a disciple of Nietzsche, had been an anarchist and a revolutionist. **WOULD HIS DEMON CONTINUE TO IMPEL HIM ALONG THE PATH ENTERED IN YOUTH?** On the other hand, having risen to power, would it be his main object to consolidate that power for personal ends?"

Ludwig reproduces the following conversation with the Dictator: "I suppose, then, that you are both led and disturbed by premonitions". "Yes, led—and troubled as well. They are subconscious in origin, these feelings, both bodily and mental. The March on Rome was unquestionably an inspiration of that sort. . . .

"On October 31, 1926, when I was in Bologna, the spiritual atmosphere seemed to me so oppressive that throughout the day I was anticipating disaster. In the evening there was an attempt on my life. . . . I am a thoroughgoing fatalist."

Declaring himself to be superstitious, Mussolini once had a mummy removed from his office when an acquaintance died. The mummy had been presented to him by admirers from Egypt. He regarded the death of his friend as an act of revenge taken by "unseen powers" who were angry because he harbored the mummy on his premises.

Astrology and magic invariably go together. Mussolini is an astrologer. He is well acquainted with his horoscope and therefore thinks he knows the days on which he should perform certain tasks, in order to be guided by what he regards as the proper conjunction of the planets.

He discusses the date of his birth, July 29, 1883 as follows: "I was born on a Sunday, at two o'clock in the afternoon . . . the sun had entered within the constellation of Leo eight days before."

Rest assured that his decision to explode civilization by hurling the nations into the inferno of another world war, is based upon his interpretation of the astrological, occult and magical sciences. **HE IS A BLACK MAGICIAN!** This fact reveals the secret of his power. *He is, beyond doubt, in league with Satan!*

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Referring to his young manhood, Sarfatti says: "All along, the youth's future fate seemed at hand to guide him."

A Shooting Star

Many do not know that as a boy in his teens, Mussolini took up Spiritualism and was tutored by a witch called "Old Giovanna."

His biographer says: "Benito was in constant attendance on Old Giovanna, whose strange imperious ways had a fascination for him, not wholly devoid, perhaps of alarm. Even today Mussolini has strange things to say about the moon, the influence of its cold light upon men and affairs and the danger of letting its rays shine on your face when you are sleeping; and he is an adept in interpreting dreams and omens and in telling fortunes by cards. He can explain too why oxen allow themselves to be led by women and why the front paws of a hare are so short, and can throw light upon many other such mysteries. *'My blood tells me', 'I must listen to my blood',* are phrases sometimes used by this statesman-gliadiator, so rational normally in coping with the urgent questions which confront him. 'It is no good!' he will add: 'I am like the animals. I feel when things are going to happen—some instinct warns me and I am obliged to follow it.'"

Back in 1921, Mussolini startled the world with this announcement: "I WOULD ENTER INTO ALLIANCE AT THIS MOMENT WITH THE DEVIL HIMSELF, WITH ANTICHRIST, IF THAT WOULD GIVE THIS POOR COUNTRY FIVE YEARS OF TRANQUILLITY, OF RESTORATION, OF PEACE."

Have you ever known of another man in public life making this kind of a statement?

The world started reckoning time, nineteen hundred years ago, with the birth of Christ.

Mussolini began reckoning time, thirteen years ago, with the birth of Rome's Fascist government.

He dates his letters accordingly and conducts all official business in the same manner. Unwilling to grant Christ the honor of starting the present era, he has arranged his own calendar.

Italians enjoy calling attention to the epoch-making pronouncement which he made on the first New Year's day of Fascism in 1923 when an immense shooting-star, almost comet-like, suddenly shot across the heavens at dusk, thus illuminating the skies above Mussolini's head as he traveled along Rome's historic Appian Way. His followers attach importance to this as being a supernatural event.

Remodeling Europe

In defending his right to tear northern Africa to shreds, the Dictator recently warned all other nations to keep out of the fray, because any attempt at interference would result in a "remodeled Europe".

Instead of small losses in Africa for Italy and Ethiopia, intervention on the part of other European powers will result in "millions dead", he claims. "I cannot understand people who want to burn a village because one house is afire." He says, when the next war

comes it will "drain all the blood from Europe".

Italian newspapers, all of which exist under rigid dictatorship, are now demanding that England withdraw from Egypt. It is well known that Mussolini is more interested in Egypt than Ethiopia.

Wynant D. Hubbard, the well known explorer, said in a recent article which appeared in all Hearst newspapers: "I can see the former Roman African Empire coming into shape. What could offer a greater basis for enthusiasm for carrying a nation to great patriotic heights than the picture, dream, call it what you will, of re-establishing the great ancient Roman Empire."

Early Roman Empire

At the dawn of the third century B. C. the Romans were in control of the territory known today as Italy.

The Carthagians, with their capital across the Mediterranean in Carthage, were the masters of northern Africa.

Sicily belonged to Carthage at that time. In the year 241 B. C. the Romans subdued this island and began their great, crushing program of expansion which was to result eventually in acquiring world dominion. *A far-seeing Greek orator asked at the time: "Think you that Carthage or that Rome will be content after the victory, with its own country and Sicily?"*

Following the loss of Sicily, the Carthagians extended their dominions into Spain and launched an attack against Rome from the north. This attempt proved futile and Spain was soon annexed as a Roman province. Thus, the borders of the entire western Mediterranean came under the supremacy of Rome.

Carthage was razed to the ground a short time later, and all of northern Africa was brought under Roman jurisdiction.

Then the Empire began to push eastward. The Grecian kingdom fell with a crash under the driving attacks of Rome's iron legions. The eastern borders of the Mediterranean, as far north as Macedonia and down into Asia Minor, all became Roman possessions.

By this time, the Mediterranean Sea had become a Roman lake.

Greatly to the distress of England, Mussolini is today claiming this body of water as "Our Sea."

Because England's possessions are secure only to the degree that she dominates the Mediterranean, she has for years guarded Gibraltar at one end and the Suez Canal at the other. Mussolini's opposition to English control has become pronounced, and his military

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DO YOU know where the first Sunday School in the history of the world was established? Read the interesting article in this *Defender* — "The Ephrata Cloisters".

A RECENT issue of the magazine "True Detective" contains an article by a former agent of the international secret police of Moscow, which says: "In every country the Soviet Embassy is also the secret headquarters of the G.P.U. . . . The duty of the Embassies is to hoodwink the authorities of the countries in which they are located. Meanwhile the *Komintern* of the Third International, using G. P. U. as an agent, works tenaciously for world revolution."

PRESS REPORT from Riverside, California: "An astounding interracial community of 65 boys and girls from 12 to 20 years old, believed to be a Communist camp, was raided today by Sheriff Carl F. Rayburn. The camp assertedly for 'underprivileged' children, was in charge of four negro men and a Russian Jewess, with another white woman living intimately with the negroes."

OTMAR BERSON is the name of a reporter who has represented a Polish newspaper in Moscow for the last three years. Last month he sent a report to the *Gazeta Polska* telling about the famous Soviet experimental farm, where the Communists are mating humans and apes. He closed his story with these words: "The purpose seems to be to improve the next generation of the Soviet population." This "insult" caused him to be banished from Russia 72 hours later.

JUST BEFORE Berson left Moscow for his home in Poland, he described the Third International, which was at that time assembled in Moscow, as: "The most lying institution in a country which has a record for lying."

LATE in August, the Soviet Third International brought delegates to Moscow from all parts of the world, to hear speeches and go over plans for stimulating revolutionary activities throughout the earth. The principal spokesman, George Dimitroff, urged Reds everywhere to be more "cunning" and use "Trojan horse tactics." He told them to insinuate themselves quietly into trade unions, religious bodies and social groups. He said it would be well, for a time, to lay aside blood and thunder methods, mask their anti-religion activities, and spread the doctrines of Communism in the guise of Socialism, Liberalism, Modernism, New Deals, etc.

RECOGNIZING Roosevelt as a true Comrade in their international ranks,

Dimitroff declared before the Third International: "The Communist Party should support the re-election of President Roosevelt because his defeat would enable forces opposing our forces to give us a body blow." This frankness provoked Washington officials, and prompted them to protest against Communist activities in the United States. Mrs. George B. Simmons, speaking before a large audience in Chicago, interpreted Roosevelt's attitude toward Dimitroff as follows: "Comrades, it's all right for us to understand each other, but you play your own alley. Don't ring my doorbell."

HEADS of governments frequently become pawns in the hands of tricksters. International schemers some times gain control of political parties and put their own men to power. Right or wrong, true or false, the fact remains that the American people are becoming increasingly suspicious of certain leaders occupying high positions in the present Washington Administration. Roosevelt did not inspire confidence when he made his recent attempt to stifle a Senate bill which declared the United States neutral in the event of other nations going to war. Over his own protest, he signed the legislation with the understanding that it was to be effective only until February 29, 1936.

SENATOR BONE, of Washington, said in a recent speech: "Everyone has come to realize that the Great War was utter social insanity, and was a crazy war, and we had no business in it at all. . . . Senators, the time has come to put an end to that sort of hell-born business if we wish to preserve the Republic. I do not want my boy to die to further enrich some American millionaire."

COMMENTATORS recall how that 20 years ago, Woodrow Wilson kept his "unofficial Ambassador" Edward M. House rambling about from country to country in Europe. This was before we were drawn into War to make "the world safe for democracy". House's contacts with the international Jews are now well known. Before Hoover left office, he had a mystery man traveling over Europe by the name of Norman Davis. When Roosevelt came in, he ousted Hoover's men from practically all important posts, but was careful to keep Davis, who continues to go "to and fro in the earth" representing him.

BEST authorities declare that at the very time when Wilson was campaigning for re-election on the slogan "He kept us out of war", he had already pledged himself to put the Nation into the struggle on the side of the Allies.

ROOSEVELTIAN "Liberalism" has saturated the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. Results: (1) Socialistic and Communistic activities on a large scale throughout the State, (2) a radical United States Senator sent to Washington, (3) a radical Governor sent to Harrisburg, (4) Negro legislation compelling Whites and Blacks to mingle freely in hotels, restaurants, theatres, shops, etc. Any White barber who refuses to shave a Negro, any restaurant proprietor who refuses to allow a Negro to sit at the same table with a White — any person who in any way recoils from Blacks in business matters, anywhere in the State of Pennsylvania, is subject to a fine of \$500.00 and 60 days in jail. The law became effective September 1st.

RELIGIOUS Editors are beginning to protest against Jim Farley's persistent policy of discharging Protestant postmasters, in various parts of the Country, and replacing them with Catholics. One irate journalist prints a long list of towns where this has been done. He says: "No one should be surprised at anything Farley does. He is a typical Tammany politician. . . . Sad is the story about a Protestant postmistress, a widow with three children, who was ousted to make room for a Roman Catholic, a man with a steady job. After Farley kicked her out, the widow had to go on relief."

A CONTROVERSY between Liberalism and Evangelicalism is raging in the Presbyterian denomination at the present time. Statistics just published, for the year ending March 31, show that the membership of the Church decreased 31,822 during the twelve month period.

AGAIN and again, the Wets have stated that the coming of Prohibition wrecked American possessions in the West Indies by closing the distilleries. Hoover called the Virgin Islands a "poor house" and the plight of the people was supposed to have been caused by Dry legislation. It now develops, according to official figures, that the liquor trade at no time comprised more than 4 per cent of the total industrial activity of the Island. And another Wet falsehood is exploded!

THE ARTICLE "The Revival of the Roman Empire" is lengthy, but it will pay you to take plenty of time to read every word. . . . Send us the names and addresses of 20 friends, with 5 cents for each name, (total \$1.00) and we will send this *Defender* to everyone.

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and naval preparations have taken such alarming proportions, that we now find Great Britain pouring vessels, air machines, men and submarines into the Sea. The two countries are lining up for a conflict which is generally regarded as being inevitable.

For years Mussolini has been aiming at control of "his Sea" and now that he has thrown down the gauntlet, it may be that he has prepared some surprises for his enemy. *England could very easily go down in defeat.*

In describing the rise of the Antichrist, John says: "I SAW A BEAST RISE UP OUT OF THE SEA, having seven heads and ten horns."

The word "sea" in this passage has always been taken to mean the masses of roaring, surging humanity, the turmoil of the nations. This interpretation may be correct, but it is possible that the "sea" which John saw, may have been one of actual, literal water—the blue waters of the Mediterranean.

A naval victory over Great Britain in the impending conflict, would easily make Mussolini the dominant figure of Europe and put him well on the way toward his ultimate goal of world dominion—rising "up out of the (Mediterranean) sea."

Rome at the Time of Christ

Egypt, the Country so often mentioned in the Old Testament, went down under the assaults of the Romans in the second century B. C. Syria and Palestine experienced the same fate.

The year 63 B. C. witnessed the taking of Jerusalem and the holy temple by the armies of Rome.

During this time, the Empire had also been extending its borders toward the north and west, reaching into what is now Switzerland, France, Belgium and England.

In the year 27 B.C. the Republican form of government collapsed and the entire Empire fell into the hands of one man—Caesar Augustus. Luke 2:1, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

It is interesting to notice that when Christ was born in Bethlehem, Rome paused for a few years in her attacks, and settled down for a short breathing spell of peace, as if charmed by the majestic presence of the Prince of Peace.

In their many exploits, the Romans became famous for their cold, ruthless way of dealing with the countries which they conquered. Millions of human beings were changed into slaves. Massacre followed massacre. Taxes too heavy for mortals to bear were imposed upon all classes and types of people. Slave-hunting and slave-dealing became a leading profession. It was not an unusual thing to see a thousand slaves chained together, walking along a Roman highway.

Daniel's prophetic picture of Rome crushing its foes was that of a great and terrible beast, with iron teeth, which "devoured and broke in pieces".

Rome in Prophecy

Before proceeding further with our

study of the rise, and fall of Rome, we must return to the prophecies which describe the Empire in detail. We find that some prophetic references have already been fulfilled and that others are now in process of fulfillment.

In a vision, King Nebuchadnezzar saw the huge metal image of a man which, in its various parts, explained the rising and falling of the five great Gentile kingdoms which would exist on the earth between the time of the dream and the second advent of Christ.

The golden head of the image represented Babylon.

The breast and arms of silver represented the Medo-Persian Empire which came later.

The belly and thighs of brass represented ancient Greece.

The two legs of iron represented Rome.

THE FEET OF IRON AND CLAY, INCLUDING THE TEN TOES OF THE IMAGE, REFER TO THE REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE WHICH WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TEN DIVISIONS, IN THE END-TIME OF THIS AGE.

After seeing the image of metal, Nebuchadnezzar saw a stone cut out without hands, which smote the feet of the image and destroyed it. Then the stone grew until it became "a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

The crashing Stone portrays Christ in His glorious appearing. Whose government will some day fill the earth, replacing the governments of men.

Existence Through the Centuries

Such was the strength of ancient Rome that it has continued to exist, as an intangible but active force, during these intervening centuries since its physical structure was destroyed.

The Germanic tribes, which came into existence after the Empire crumbled, introduced no radical changes in the provincial and municipal forms of government of their predecessors. Nor were the Roman legal practices revised to any very great degree.

Moreover, the principle of imperialism established by the Romans, has continued to exist among the countries of

Europe, as kingdom after kingdom, has come and gone. The Roman Senate also endured for several hundred years; as late as the year 800 A. D. we find it selecting King Charlemagne as sovereign.

Even down until the World War, the Holy Roman Empire survived as a political and religious force, with its seat of government in Austria-Hungary.

In other words, the legs of Nebuchadnezzar's image have stretched through the centuries, down to modern times. Therefore, the coming confederacy of ten European states will not be the creation of a new empire; it will be, as prophecy indicates, the revival of an old one.

Divisions

It should be noted that the metal image had two legs of iron.

This refers to the dividing of old Rome into two sections—the Eastern and Western divisions. The split came in the year 364 A. D. when Valentinian was emperor.

The Western headquarters remained in the city of Rome and the seat of the Eastern government was set up in Constantinople.

But when the Empire is revived, during the closing period of this age, it will be further divided into ten parts, corresponding to the ten toes on the feet of the image.

In Daniel, the second chapter, Nebuchadnezzar saw the world empires as a man. In the seventh chapter, Daniel saw them as beasts.

Four beasts are described: (1) a lion with eagle's wings—Babylon, (2) a bear—Medo-Persia, (3) a leopard with four wings of a fowl—the Grecian Empire, and (4) an unnamed Beast—Rome.

The fourth beast had ten horns, and

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these correspond to the ten toes of the image. Then a "little horn"—Antichrist, appeared among the ten.

The next verse, Daniel 7:9, describes the second coming of Christ, at which time the resuscitated fourth beast will be destroyed.

It is remarkable that these passages harmonize exactly with the thirteenth and seventeenth chapters of Revelation where John describes the arrival of ten kings out of the old Roman Empire.

Some Bible teachers have made futile efforts to show that the Germanic tribes which conquered Western Rome, fulfilled the prophecy of the ten divisions at that time. *To try to group the tribes so as to make ten out of them is not impossible, for the reason that there were a total of eighteen all together.*

At no time were there exactly ten divisions among the Germanic tribes; there were eighteen.

Moreover, the tribes were NOT destroyed by the return of Christ, as is predicted to be the case with the ten in both Daniel and Revelation.

No, the ten "kings", to be ruled by Antichrist, are not past—THEY ARE FUTURE!

The Western Empire was conquered in the year 476. The Eastern division was not overthrown by the Mohammedans until 1453.

Geographical Revival

We have seen that when the Empire was at its zenith it completely surrounded the Mediterranean Sea. It stretched as far north as England but did not include Ireland and Scotland.

Spain, France, and central Europe to the Rhine and Danube rivers, were within its boundaries. It embraced the territory known as modern Czechoslovakia, all the Balkan countries and Greece, Asia-Minor, Palestine, Syria and the entire rim of northern Africa including Egypt, Libya, Algeria and Morocco.

While actual Roman citizens did not populate the entire earth, yet the whole world was potentially under the dominance of the Romans. The civilized nations, existing at that time, were actually controlled by the Roman government. These are important facts to keep in mind as we consider the prophecies that relate to the revival of the Empire.

IT APPEARS TO ME THAT ANY FORECAST OF THE EXACT DIMENSIONS OF REVIVED ROME MUST OF NECESSITY BE MORE OR LESS CONJECTURAL, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT IT WILL BE THE MOST POWERFUL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND RELIGIOUS FORCE IN THE WORLD.

Its exact geographical proportions remain to be worked out. But of this we may be certain—the map of Europe is soon to be rewritten.

It is to be questioned if the area of the ten toes will conform exactly to the geographical outline of ancient Rome. The identity of the resuscitated Empire transcends the importance of its geographical boundaries. The life and spirit of the fourth beast, rather than

its physical appearance, reveals the true character of this political monstrosity of the age-end.

For instance: in Germany today, we observe the spirit of old Rome on a large and grand scale. The government is Fascist; the Roman salute is seen on every hand. Yet, only a small part of southern Germany was ever identified with the ancient Empire.

In his most recent speech, Adolf Hitler said to a large crowd of soldiers: "Our discipline is worth more than so-called democracies. Germany wants to rank first in the concert of big powers. You are the guarantors that such an aim will be achieved. I want you as slim as tigers, fast as greyhounds, hard as stone."

Such utterances would seem to indicate that modern Germany has caught the spirit of ancient Rome.

I do not wish to say that the exact geographical outline of old Rome will not be carved out of modern Europe and Africa. This may take place. But it is my present understanding that such is not an absolute prophetic necessity.

Since Rome was an evolution out of the three Gentile powers that preceded it, there is a possibility that the revived Empire could be expected to embrace the territory ruled by Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece.

There is a suggestion of this in the fact that the Beast of the endtime which comes "out of the sea", according to Revelation 13:2, possesses the features of the beasts of Daniel which represented Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece—the lion, leopard and bear.

And it must not be overlooked that before Armageddon becomes history, the authority of the Antichrist will be world-wide. "And power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and nations."

But certainly the "ten kings" will at no time rule over less territory than that covered by Rome at the time of Christ.

Genius in Oratory

Now let us consider some of the personal characteristics of the Antichrist, as given in the prophecies.

In Daniel 7:20 we read that he will be a master at swaying vast audiences. He will be an oratorical genius. "Even of that horn that had eyes, and A MOUTH THAT SPAKE VERY GREAT THINGS, whose look was more stout than his fellows."

Revelation 13:2 says he will have "the mouth of a lion". The voice of the lion excels that of all other beasts.

People were "astonished" at the words which Christ spoke. In like manner, the world will be held spell-bound by the utterances of the Man of Sin.

It is a fact that Europe's dictators have literally talked their way to power. Mussolini and Hitler are particularly famous for their oratory. It is not an unusual thing for these men to address audiences of one hundred thousand persons, by means of loud-speakers. Imagine how they must feel standing before acres and acres of human beings, saturating the minds of millions with their ideas!

Mussolini says: "For me the masses are nothing but a herd of sheep. All that I deny is that they are capable of ruling themselves. But if you would lead them, you must guide them by the two reins, enthusiasm and interest..."

"When the masses are like wax in my hands, when I stir their faith, I feel myself to be a part of them. All the same, there persists in me a certain feeling of aversion, like that which the modeller feels for the clay he is moulding. Does not the sculptor sometimes smash his block of marble into fragments because he cannot shape it to represent the vision he has conceived? Now and then this crude matter rebels against the creator! Everything turns upon one's ability to control the masses like an artist..."

"For the ruler the power of the written or spoken word is of inestimable value. Dante is great because he understood that words are living things."

"Fierce Countenance"

In the passage quoted above, Daniel describes the expression on Antichrist's face as being "more stout than his fellows."

It is significant that Mussolini's countenance should be a subject of discussion everywhere. Books have written about the penetrating glare, the terrific stare, stamped on his facial features. Demon power expresses itself more readily through the eyes than any other part of the body. *If eyes are the windows of the soul, what must be the condition of Mussolini's spiritual nature?*

Daniel also speaks of Antichrist as



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being "a king of fierce countenance."

A Military Genius

The Beast will be endowed with the most amazing ability to precipitate and direct wars.

Daniel announces that "he shall destroy wonderfully". No opposing army will be able to interfere with his purposes. Revelation 6:2, "He went forth conquering, and to conquer".

Revelation 13:4, "Who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make war with him?" Isaiah predicts that he will "shake kingdoms" and "make the earth to tremble".

Antichrist will be the world's greatest war lord because Satan will communicate to him a knowledge of nature's secrets. He will be able to devise all kinds of mysterious and electrical inventions, with which he will lash the nations into subjection. "And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."

The Greek word behind "fire," in the above quotation, means a supernatural energy in the form of lightning. In other words, it is probable that what John saw was a modern Death Ray of tremendous and far reaching power, unlike anything possessed by the other nations of the world. If it is true that Mussolini, Marconi and other electrical wizards in Italy have ferreted out a superhuman ray, as now rumored, it is not difficult to understand why the Dictator should be so self-confident and braggadocio in defying the nations of Europe.

I recall reading an article some time ago circulated by an American newspaper syndicate in which Mussolini said

that some day he would possess a ray powerful enough to flash across the Atlantic Ocean.

It must be said to his credit, that he is an honest rattle snake. He has been rattling the rattles of war ever since he came into power, telling the nations openly and defiantly what he was going to do when the time came to strike. Not until the last three months have his threats been taken seriously. It may be too late to check him! For the last thirteen years, he has been preparing for the present holocaust.

In 1933, Ludwig asked him this question: "Of what incident in your career are you proud?" "That I was a good soldier," he replied unhesitatingly. "I mean by this that I showed fortitude and energy. Only when possessed of those qualities can a man stand gun fire."

The End

The actual tribulation period to be precipitated by the Antichrist will last only three and one-half years. This allotted period of time is clearly described in both Daniel and the Revelation.

This epoch of unprecedented suffering will climax with the battle of Armageddon which will be a contest between the demonized armies of Antichrist, and Jesus Christ, Who will descend from above the atmospheric regions of the planet.

Antichrist and his hordes will actually think to destroy Christ with their superhuman methods of warfare, but we read that out of the mouth of our Lord there "goeth a sharp sword, that with which he should smite the nations".

Christ And Antichrist

By Gerald B. Winrod.

GOD'S children everywhere have a premonition of an impending storm. They somehow feel that trouble is brewing. They know there is suffering ahead.

Aside from what they read in the daily newspapers and the prophetic Scriptures, people possessing spiritual discernment have a deep, sub-conscious feeling that dark days are near at hand.

As cattle huddle together in fence corners when clouds begin to form; as the sultry calm precedes the storm; like Indians in the western country could put their ears to the ground and hear the patter of horses' hoofs announcing an approaching enemy—so also, enlightened souls are aware of dangers soon to come upon the earth.

Some instinct warns them to "Watch" with greater earnestness than ever before.

As the end of the age approaches, a dark personage stands out in bold relief on the horizon. To Bible students, his name is ANTICHRIST.

In order to understand the true cause behind present international chaos, we must remind ourselves that Satan is the "god of this age" and will

remain such until the second coming of Christ.

The Temptation

Following His baptism, Christ retired alone into the wilderness for a fast which lasted forty days. During this time, Satan came and showed Him "all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them."

Professing himself to be in absolute control of the nations, Satan offered to turn them over to Christ "if thou wilt fall down and worship me."

Notice, when the Devil thus announced that he was the ruler of the earth, Jesus did not dispute the claim. He simply said: "Get thee hence, Satan."

An Ominous Figure

Just before his final doom, the fallen Lucifer will incarnate himself in human flesh. He will produce a masterpiece upon whom he will confer "power", "seat" and "authority".

This coming Monster of Iniquity will be "the Devil's Christ."

Before his bloody reign comes to an end, he will be deified as a god. He will stand at the apex of that type of modern scholasticism which declares that "Man made God in his own im-

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age" and then became a slave to his perverted imagination.

"God did not make man", says the modern intellectual. "But man made God". The concept of God is said to be the product of human imaginings. The modern tendency is deify humanity through the idea of a BIG MAN and a LITTLE GOD!

When Antichrist puts in his appearance, performing miracles, mastering the forces of nature, working wonders, and expounding the philosophy of humanism, he will meet every requirement of these so-called "enlightened" intellectuals.

Described in Scripture

Antichrist is given a large place in the prophecies of both the Old and New Testaments. Since he is referred to so often and described in exact detail, his life and work must be of tremendous importance in the destiny of the nations.

Job calls him "the Crooked Serpent". Isaiah uses the same descriptive term.

The Psalms refer to him as follows: "the Bloody and Deceitful Man", "the Wicked One", "the Man of the Earth", "Adversary", "Head of many countries", "the Evil Man" and "the Violent Man".

Isaiah calls Antichrist "the Rod of God's Anger" and "the Spoiler".

Jeremiah designates him as "the Destroyer of the Gentiles", "the Enemy" and "the Cruel One".

In the book of Ezekiel he is the "Profane and Wicked Prince of Israel."

Many and vivid are the titles given him in Daniel: "Little Horn", "King of Fierce Countenance", "Abomination of Desolation", "the Prince that shall come", "a Vile Person" and "Wilful King".

Hosea calls Antichrist the "King of Princes" while Joel declares that he "magnified himself to do great things."

Amos terms him the "Adversary". In the book of Habakkuk he is "the Proud Man". Zechariah makes mention of him as "the Idol Shepherd of Israel."

Jesus said he would come in "his own name" and in a parable designates him as the "Unclean Spirit."

Paul gives a complete delineation of his personal characteristics: "Man of Sin", "Mystery of Iniquity", "Lawless One", "Son of Perdition" whose coming is "after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

John gives him his true title "Antichrist" and calls him a "Liar".

In the book of Revelation he is described as the "Angel of the Bottomless Pit", "Vine of the Earth" and the "First Beast".

The Apocrypha of the New Testament mentions him as "the Antichrist".

The foregoing references are but a few of the scores which apply to this wicked and colossal personality.

A Counterfeiter

In every respect, Antichrist will be a counterfeit of Jesus Christ—even to the point of dying and resurrecting from the dead. Revelation 13:3 says:

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed and all the world wondered after the beast."

Some have taught that this verse refers to the resurrection of the Old Roman Empire. This could not be for the reason that Revelation 19:20 refers to the same Beast as a personality being consigned to the Lake of Fire. *If the Beast is a person in the nineteenth chapter, he must also be a person in the thirteenth chapter.*

When Antichrist comes back to life from the dead, his body inhabited by a demon, he will be Satan in the flesh as truly as Christ was God in flesh.

It is interesting to consult the Scriptures and contrast the two personalities.

Christ is called the Seed of the

Woman. Antichrist is the seed of the Serpent.

Christ is called the Son of God. Antichrist is the Son of Perdition.

Christ is called the Man of Sorrows. Antichrist is the Man of Sin.

Christ is called a Lamb. Antichrist is a Beast.

Christ is called the Holy One. Antichrist is the Wicked One.

Christ is called the Prince of Peace. Antichrist is the Wicked, Profane Prince.

Christ is called the Glorious Branch. Antichrist is the Abominable Branch.

Christ is called the Good Shepherd. Antichrist is the Idol Shepherd.

Christ returned to His Father. Antichrist will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

Ethiopia In The Bible

By Rev. J. B. Rounds, Pastor Crestwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

ETHIOPIA, or Cush, is a Bible land of somewhat obscure but interesting proportions. It was never on any of the main highways, but is among the most ancient nations of historical and ethnic mention.

Whether in ancient times it was wholly located in Africa or crossed the Red Sea and embraced the southwest corner of Arabia is a question that cannot be answered with any degree of certainty. The Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon is supposed to have had her domain in Arabia, but the present king of Ethiopia, the Lion of Judah, claims direct descent from Solomon and this Queen.

If Sheba was in Arabia, then Seba was in Africa, just across the Red Sea from Sheba. Psalms 72:10 says: "The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts." And Isaiah says: "I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee." The Psalmist associates Sheba with Seba, and Isaiah associates Seba with Ethiopia.

Thus Sheba must have been located close to Arabia and to Ethiopia also. But in the Bible, Ethiopia is generally associated with Egypt. It is at times subject to Egyptian monarchies, and again Egypt is ruled by Ethiopian kings, and queens. It is interesting to note the queens who were prominent rulers of this country mentioned in the Bible.

The first mention of Cush or Ethiopia is found in Genesis 2:13 where the garden of Eden is described and located. This must have been a mighty garden reaching from the Tigris and Euphrates on the east, to the Nile on

the west. I wonder if the great Arabian desert was once that very fertile garden? May that not be the location of the New Jerusalem which will come down from the heavens after the millennium?

I. Ethiopia was always a Border Country.

This country was never the center of things, but on the fringe of civilization and the enterprises it participated in, from historic view points. "Beyond the rivers of Ethiopia" was the end of the old flat world or the great unknown, which inspired fear in brave but ignorant hearts. Yet its peoples were to have a part in human progress and were given considerable prophetic attention.

Their association with Egypt and Arabia ties together two widely different types of peoples and historic lines of action. It was on the borderland of each, and these two diverging national ideals left lasting impressions on Ethiopian development.

II. David had a Very Loyal Ethiopian Soldier.

On the death of Absalom, who had rebelled against his father David, Joab, David's general, must inform his master of the tragedy. Ahimaaz, an enthusiastic and loyal friend of the king, requested that he might be the messenger with this tidings of the king. (II Samuel 18:19-32) But Joab knew he was uninformed and also a poor

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messenger. He declined to send him. Then Joab deliberately chose a Cushite (Ethiopian) to render this service.

After the Cushite started, Ahimaa's pleading with Joab secured him the right to run after the Cushite, also with tidings for the king. Ahimaa's enthusiasm led him to outrun the Cushite. But when he got there he was frustrated. He did not know what to say. Then the Cushite came with the news. He was a trained, courteous, loyal, accurate messenger. He had a message and knew how to deliver it. This Ethiopian was a qualified and worthy servant. Joab knew how to choose the right person.

III—Tirhakah's Interruption of Sennacherib's Invasion of Judah. (II Kings 19:3-13)

In the days of Hezekiah the king of Judah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came against them to subdue them, as Shalmaneser had come against and taken Israel in the days of King Hoshea. Sennacherib spoke blatant blasphemy against Jehovah, the God of Hezekiah and ridiculed Him before the people of Judah. So God stirred up Tirhakah, an Ethiopian, against this Assyrian blasphemer and drew away the armies of Assyria from Jerusalem.

They, however, defeated Tirhakah the Ethiopian and then returned to Jerusalem. But during this time King Hezekiah and his people had prayed to Jehovah, their God, and humbled themselves in an acceptable attitude of repentance and consecration. Then Sennacherib returned and sent letters to Hezekiah, still reviling Jehovah. God mysteriously destroyed his army of 180,000 men in one night and Sennacherib left immediately, returning to Ninevah where he remained until killed by two of his servants, and Esar-haddon, his son, reigned in his stead.

Probably Tirhakah, the Ethiopian, was getting ready to come against Hezekiah, and God used Sennacherib to destroy him, and then God destroyed Sennacherib. The Ethiopian armies seemed to always meet with defeat when they left African soil.

IV—The Wealth of Ethiopia.

Whether or not Ophir was in Ethiopia, I cannot say. Indications are that it might have been. The gold of Ophir and the topaz of Ethiopia were precious treasures of those early days.

Job 28:16-19 would indicate that Ophir and Ethiopia were in the class of jewel producing nations. Then the historic review of Solomon's navy and immediately thereafter the relation of the acts of the Queen of Sheba, would indicate that Ophir was close to Sheba. (I Kings 9:26-10:12). The present dispute between Italy and Ethiopia and the Anglo-American concessions offered in Ethiopia, again indicate the tremendous wealth of this country.

V—The Significant Prophetic References.

What, then, is the place of Ethiopia in the future? Does it influence prophecy, or does prophecy reveal its destiny?

I think a careful study of the prophetic references, will clearly reveal that Ethiopia has not only an incidental but important and real place in forthcoming events. However, that

does not reflect on the importance of the events as prophetic revelations. All prophetic events are important, but nations and individuals connected therewith may be either vital or incidental as their influence is estimated by God. Ethiopia is a border country, both geographically and prophetically.

1. *Prophetic indications that Ethiopia, both nationally and individually, is a nation of secondary importance.* Amos, in belittling the Israelites, said: "Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel?" And when Jeremiah refers to them as wishing to be something else than what they are, asks the scathing question: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin?" He thus indicates their unimportant place in historic greatness. Ezekiel speaks of Egypt extending to the "border of Ethiopia".

A close reading of many other passages reveal the same thing, placing Ethiopia as an incidental nation and people, but touching some of the mightiest of eventualities in prophetic writ.

2. *Prophecies tell of punishment to Ethiopia, but not national disintegration.* Zephaniah 2:12 tells us that the Lord said to Ethiopia: "Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword." Isaiah 20:3-5 prophesies that Sargon, king of Assyria, shall carry off many captives from Egypt and Ethiopia in whom the Jews had trusted for security against Assyria. In speaking of the conquest of Egypt by the King of the North, during the end-time of this age, Ethiopia is said to "be at his steps". (Daniel 11:45).

Ezekiel 30:1-9 presents a specific picture, stating that the sword shall come upon Egypt from Migdol to Syene, and "great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the sword shall come upon Egypt". But these conquests shall not be carried into the land of Ethiopia.

3. *Ethiopia's merchandise, both her wealth and her worry.* Isaiah 45:14 says: "And the merchandise of Ethiopia... shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine." From the earliest times this was a nation of industry and wealth. Its inaccessibility pro-

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ETHIOPIA.

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ted it from invasion, but its wealth of gold and jewels and other valuable merchandise has been recognized throughout the centuries.

4. *Great and loyal Ethiopian characters.* (II Samuel 18:21-23; Jeremiah 38:7-12; 39:16-18; Acts 8:27). Three great Ethiopian characters are given lasting notice in the Scriptures, because of worthy traits of character. The Cushite messenger that Joab dispatched to David behaved himself with credit and honor. Ebed-melech the staunch friend of Jeremiah, was used of God to save his life when in the dreadful dungeon. For this God acknowledged Ebed-melech's service and gave him special protection in the days of warfare and the defeat of his friends that were punished for their sins.

Then, that New Testament character, the Ethiopian Eunuch, who was led to the Lord by the fine ministry of Philip the evangelist, was a man of faith in God and a power among his own people. Ethiopia's roll of heroes is creditable, especially when you recall the great distance the country was from the land of Israel in those days of slow travel.

5. *Egypt and Ethiopia offered as ransoms in the stead of Israel.* The conquests of Assyria, Babylonia and Persia were toward, or through, Israel. Israel was always the battleground between Asiatic and African supreme powers. The Asiatic, and following them the European powers, were to conquer the African. Palestine was their battleground. Cyrus the Persian was called the servant of God. Would they crush Israel? That was the important question with God. Then He told His people He would make Egypt and Ethiopia the ransom price for Israel's freedom.

Moffatt translates Isaiah 43:3 with more clearness than any of the versions that have come to my notice. He says it reads: "I will sacrifice Egypt for you, Ethiopia and Sabaea for your sake." Every ransom nation including Ethiopia will be gloriously rewarded by our just and loving Savior and Lord. And that reward is presented to us in the next poetic-prophetic vision given by the glorious Psalmists of Israel. They sing the praises of these ransom nations and the rewards that result from their having been subjected to unwillingly playing the sacrificial role.

6. *Favorable mention of Ethiopia in poetic prophecy.* The Psalms that mention Ethiopia are prophetic and forward looking in evangelization, and illustrate a universal application of the religion of Jehovah to all peoples. David in that wonderful 68th Psalm says in the 31st verse: "Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God." And a Psalm of the sons of Korah (87:4) says of Ethiopia: "This man was born there." Ethiopia is shown in prophecy to be receptive of Gospel privileges. And that has been her history.

McClintock & Strong's Biblical Encyclopedia says in its article entitled "Ethiopia". "In Psalms 68:31; in Isaiah 45:14; and probably in Zephaniah 3:10, the calling of Ethiopia to God's service is foretold. Whether conversion to the Law or to Christianity, or indeed to both, is intended, it is remarkable that, though long deprived of its actual geographical contact with the Coptic church, of which it was a branch, by the falling away of Nubia, the Abyssinian Church yet remains, and the empire and the kingdom of the Shoa are the only Christian sovereignties in the whole of Africa." This quotation was written in 1894, or forty years ago. The present King Haile Selassie is known to be a Christian.

7. *The prophecies that apparently refer to the present crisis.* (Isaiah 11:11; Ezekiel 38:1-6; Daniel 11:40-45). Three prophetic utterances appear to have some bearing on the present condition and what is about to transpire.

Isaiah tells us this prophetic utterance "shall come to pass in that day". His messages in chapters 1 to 39 are regarding what "shall come to pass in the last days". (Isaiah 2:2) "In that day" is repeated 44 times in these chapters, indicating without any possibility of doubt that his messages relate to things transpiring in the latter days, (the period immediately preceding the second coming of Christ).

He tells us how that "the root of Jesse, that standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto Him shall the nations seek; and His resting-place shall be glorious", and that a remnant of His people shall come out of Cush, which is Ethiopia. Therefore Ethiopia must maintain a national existence to these latter days.

The marvellous message in Daniel crowds into a very few sentences the consummation of mundane events. He foretells the victories of the King of the North (Italy) over the King of the South (England). *This King of the North is shown as pushing his conquests down through the land of Palestine even into the very heart of Egypt. Here he grasps the wealth of Egypt and further pushes his conquests to the borders of Ethiopia. But he does not enter the Ethiopian country.*

Then astounding news reach him of things transpiring out of the east and out of the north. As Ethiopia is just in his grasp, new reverses back behind him make further conquest for the present impossible and he immediately

retraces his steps until he reaches Palestine, where he establishes his headquarters close to Jerusalem. In his fury he decides to make complete destruction of these intervening enemies. Who are they? The tidings out of the east, or as Revelation 16:12 says: "The kings of the east might be prepared", must refer to the yellow races under Japan, probably China and India, with their myriads of warriors, overrunning the country with their immense numbers; and the establishing of their camps to the north and east of Jerusalem, probably. Then we learn from Ezekiel 30:1-6, that Russia with her allies, including Persia, Arabia, and Ethiopian soldiers helping, though not being a part of their regular armies will also have the help of Germany and Norway and Sweden, from "the uttermost parts of the north".

Thus it appears that four great and distinct confederations of nations shall face each other around Jerusalem as the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet send forth out of their mouths three unclean spirits like frogs, which "are spirits of devils, working miracles". Revelation 16:14, They "go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. . . . And he gathered them together in a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

As the news out of the east and the north was a complete surprise to the King of the North, it is manifestly true that these coming alliances are not at the moment apparent. (After writing the above, news reached me that Russia had just sold all her surplus wheat and corn to Italy, thus manifesting temporary friendship.)

The alliances above mentioned are secretly formed by the three unclean spirits that are sent from the Devil and his cohorts. Men cannot know the secrets that are entrusted only to the spirits of demons. These alliances will be complete surprises to the whole world.

Will the approaching warfare lay the stage for the battle of Armageddon? That I cannot say with a degree of certainty. But the present setting is more truly akin to that final catastrophic calamity than any events in history.

"When These Things Begin To Come To Pass"

Part 2

By Dr. Louis R. Patmont, Berkeley, California.

MODERN scoffers who disregard the authority of the Scriptures look with magnanimity and scorn upon those who are pointing to present day prophetic developments and events throughout the world.

Yet these very developments prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Word of God is an unmistakable guide in these days of uncertainty. Believers do well to heed Christ's admonition, in Luke 21:28. "And when these things begin to come to pass,

then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

The very wave of unbelief which is sweeping over the world is a judgement upon these scoffers who have rejected the truth. Of such it is said: "O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matt 16:3.

Scholastic Doubt is Dangerous

Without a comprehensive knowledge of the historical developments of God's plan of the ages, as well as the doctrinal teachings in regard to the

parusia, it is impossible to understand and properly interpret prophecy. As knowledge of the sciences requires intensive study and research; in like manner eschatology cannot be understood without earnest study and thought. God's prophetic Word was not written to satisfy the idle curious. To the enemies of Christ, God's purposes are hidden.

His mysteries are to be revealed only to those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and who are acceptable to Him on the day of redemption. The ignorant and unsteadfast pervert the Prophetic Word unto their own destruction. (II Pet 2:15). Those who have followed, "cunningly devised fables", (II Pet 1:16) "revelations" of false prophets, and false christs, have impaired their own spiritual vision, and are pursuing dangerous will o' the wisps.

Other unscriptural methods of interpretation are equally dangerous. "Inspirations" and "visions" often lead to foolish and disastrous results. The only safe and sane method of interpretation is that based on the historic developments of the past, present and future. Types, figures, and prophetic symbols, usually represent events. Fulfilled prophecies, and those in the process of fulfillment can be recognized with certainty.

Final Crisis Approaching

The earnest student of prophecy need not be startled by signs in the skies for they have been accurately predicted in the Word of God. Such signs are to make their appearances in the end time. Wars and rumors of wars; unrest and tribulation, are but omens of the approaching return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth.

There are many other indications that the world is nearing its final crisis. The Jews are gathering in their home land. The nations north and south of Palestine, are arming for the final Armageddon. The Spirit of the seven headed Beast of Revelation is already casting its shadow upon the world. Inspired by the Great Red Dragon, it speaks "great things and blasphemies", and makes "war against the saints". In Communism we see before us the fulfillment of these words of prophecy. No thinking person will dispute these facts.

Recent political and economical developments among many nations of the world have assumed definite anti-christian forms. The "ten horns", are sprouting forth from the heads of the monster as "kings, which have received no kingdom as yet". This Scriptural statement is an unmistakable description of the world's dictators. "The little horn", may soon come forth as a unifying factor, which will usher in the final drama of the forces of evil, and which will reach its climax in the Battle of God the Almighty, when the Lord Jesus shall appear from heaven taking vengeance on these arch rebels.

"Seducing Spirits"

The great apostasy from the faith of the Gospel which is engulfing the world, is a certain sign of the end time. The wave of Spiritism which is sweeping over civilization is another unmistakable evidence of the wrath of Satan, "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time". Enlightened

England seems to have taken the lead in the entrenchment of Spiritism. The United Kingdom has millions of members in Spiritist churches. The city of London alone is said to have 50,000 members.

The second strongest Spiritist stronghold in Europe is in Spain. Thousands of demon possessed persons roam about the country; but the percentage of the population of Belgium, belonging to this occult is even greater. The reason for this circumstance lies in the fact that after the World War, many people who had lost their loved ones, consulted the Roman Catholic priests with a view of establishing contact with their beloved fallen heroes. These Priests turned to Spiritism for help. Many of them have become ardent followers of this doctrine of devils.

The results have been disastrous. Multitudes have become insane. Cases of demon possession are frequent. Last spring, the writer was privileged to hold some evangelistic services in Dampray, Belgium. It was very difficult to address the audiences because of the presence of some twenty devil possessed persons, who interrupted the meetings with their barks, grunts and grimaces.

It is a well known fact that the dictators of the world for the most part belong to one occult system or another. Even The United States has not escaped this last assault of the devil upon the spiritual nature of mankind. Oriental occults, such as are advocated by Numerologists, Theosophists, Yogists, Astrologists, Spiritists, etc., have succeeded in recruiting a big following.

The Scripture in I Timothy 4:1 is being fulfilled. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils".

A Strange Experience

In the fall of 1934 the writer was in a Bible Conference in the city of Portland, Oregon. The meetings were crowded, in spite of the rainy weather, and large numbers had to be turned away. It was a real revival and many earnest souls came seeking spiritual help.

One afternoon a man rapped at the door of my room in the hotel. I bade him enter. I shall never forget his distorted face, his bloodshot eyes, and his unearthly voice. "Here I am," he

grunted. The first thought that came to me was that he was an escaped lunatic. I was about to evict him from the room by force. However, his mannerism, as well as his voice changed as he pled; "Help me, I am possessed with a demon". I bade him to sit down. He told me the story of his life.

Many years ago he came in contact with people who practiced witchcraft. While on a drinking spree one day, he cursed God. Since then the devil pursued him night and day. Twenty-eight times he attempted suicide, only to be rescued by some friend. He followed mining and frequently figured in mine disasters, but each time he escaped serious injury. He had consulted mental specialists who told him his case could not be diagnosed by them and they were therefore unable to help him.

A few years ago he contacted the "New Issue" tongues people. They tried to help him, but were unable to be of any assistance. Several other sects of religious fanatics were also consulted without any beneficial results. One day while seeking the gift of tongues, a "hot breath" entered into him through the mouth. Since then, "a demon with eagle talons" had attacked him daily by taking hold of him from the back. He always was disturbed by strange noises at his lodging place.

Objects in the room moved towards him and handfuls of pepper and salt were thrown into his eyes. This, he said, was the reason why his eyes were red and swollen and why the eyelashes were missing. He could sleep only on rare occasions. While resting on his bed the demons would crawl into his

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mouth like so many ants.

While he related these things to me, I suddenly noticed his countenance change. "He will not let me tell it", he moaned, as his voice changed and his form assumed a crouching position. From his mouth came forth two horrible growls, sounding like the growls of an angry tiger. I realized my utter helplessness in this situation and called upon God in prayer.

"I knew that 'The name of Jehovah is a mighty tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe'. I then turned to my Bible, reading, I John 4:2, whereupon I stepped over to the afflicted man and demanded of the spirit that possessed him to confess that 'Jesus Christ is come into the flesh'. This he refused to do. I commanded him to leave in the name of Jesus Christ. The demon's answer was two more unearthly growls of protest. But the name of Jesus proved too much for him to withstand. The man evidently was delivered, as his countenance changed to normal once more. He went his way rejoicing. I saw him again the next day in the meeting. He evidently has been completely set free.

I never before realized fully the significance of the words, "unclean spirits". Where the man had laid his hat on my bed there was a mark made by a substance that looked like puss and blood. An evil odor seemed to pollute the air. I was forced to move into another room in the hotel. For two weeks afterwards I sensed the presence of this evil being, which seemed to pursue me and which departed only after earnest prayer for deliverance and protection. The horrors of this experience still linger with me.

"Spiritual Wickedness in High Places"

There are other demons who pose as angels of light. In Chicago, there is the so-called "Tribunal Radio Station". This "station" is a group of spiritists (they reject that name, however,) conducted by one H. Baker, "reporter and vender of rare information". These people claim to be in communication with the "Logos Observatory", to which, it is claimed, "come daily from thirty to seventy High Astrals, moving scientific apparatus, spelling answers to questions asked on any subject."

These spirit beings presume to rate the merits of various religious groups, recommend the reading of books, give medical advice, and pretend to instruct inquirers in religion, philosophy and to unveil the future.

According to their official organ of "Tribunal Union Telegraph Service", of Sept 9, 1933, a High Astral spirit message was delivered to His Excellency, the President of the United States, Washington, D. C. These messages are dated April 26, 1933, July 10, 1933, and state in part. "The American Tribunal is for America's brains! When you go among fools—you must act and talk like a fool, otherwise they will take you for a fool." Then follows a lengthy article on "Ways to Permanent Prosperity." The High Astrals also presume on the President's credulity, by recommending certain army, navy and cabinet officials.

The papers which publish the sermons and doctrines of the High Astrals disregard the efficacy of the blood of Christ and spurn New Testament ordinances. The burden of their "message" is "character salvation." There can be no doubt as to these teachings being the doctrines of demons.

The "messages" from the High Astrals prove conclusively that the High Astralism, which has become so popular in America in recent years, is of demon origin. These are teachings of fallen spirit beings, which are contradicting the teachings of the New Testament and aim to destroy faith in the Prophetic Word.

Herewith is given a quotation from the "American Tribunal, News Service", the official organ of this group:

"OUR QUESTION TO CHRIST.

"(70 astrals 4 times revised following question and as promised brought sanctioned answer May 27:)

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"The 730-word answer, May 27, 1933, proves the mind of the Master of Masters is transcendent; towering above all other minds in every line who ever lived on Geotyrus, (Earth)."

This is but an isolated example of how human minds may become warped and diseased by demon intelligences. Behind the present wave of occultism, is the power of Satan which is preparing the minds of millions for the coming of the "Man of Sin".

Paul, the apostle had much to say to the church at Thessalonica "concerning the times and seasons" preceding the second coming of Christ. Christians are not to be in darkness, that "that day should overtake them as a thief". The Lord Jesus Christ said in His Olivet discourse: "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." (Luke 21: 34.)

Communism In Palestine

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(Editor's Note: The information contained in this article was secured, a few weeks ago, by Mr. Smith while in Palestine. An early issue of the Defender will bring another similar discussion, by the same Writer, on the subject: "God's Remnant From The Remnant."

WHEN I first caught sight of Haifa, I could hardly believe my eyes. Hundreds of new and modern buildings being constructed and equipped with electric lights and refrigerators, baths, tile floors and all modern appliances was simply too much; I could hardly believe I was seeing Palestine!

The old filthy streets and Arabic quarters are fast giving way to sanitary conditions, with broad paved streets and boulevards.

On the top of Mount Carmel stands the beautiful King Solomon Hotel, modern in every respect, overlooking a beautiful plain lying westward between the Mount and the Mediterranean Sea.

This historical mountain upon which Elijah called down fire, is fast being transformed into an elite residential section, for rich European Jews who are going to Palestine to profit from the "boom" which is now running almost the length and breadth of the Land.

I was told that developments on this large scale had only been going on for about two years. It seemed incredible that so much could be accomplished in so short a time. The American or European visitor feels almost like he is walking down the streets of a Western city, with drug stores, department

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stores, theaters showing filthy American pictures, and the streets crowded with automobiles made in the United States.

What is true of Haifa, is true only on a larger scale, in Jaffa and Tel-Aviv. The old city of Jerusalem, inside the wall, is practically untouched by the new developments, and retains its antiquity. It is still very unsanitary, with its unspeakable living quarters bazaar streets and shops; but outside the wall the developments are startling. The King David Hotel and the new Y. M. C. A. buildings, of course, being the most elaborate; but a new post-office building is rising on the Jaffa Road, not far north of the Jaffa Gate, and hundreds of new buildings, department stores, garages, apartment houses and beautiful dwellings are strewn for miles north and west, also south and west from the old city.

Motor bus lines, over paved highways connect Jerusalem with all the principal cities and places of interest in Palestine. Buses from Jerusalem to Jaffa and Tel-Aviv run every fifteen minutes and carry the passenger thirty-nine miles for thirty-five cents. Along this winding highway a new pipe line is now being installed, to bring water from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem, which is expected to raise the water supply of the Holy City to adequacy, an advantage it has never before enjoyed.

Tel-Aviv, the new and marvel city of the Jews, stands as a monument, a city without walls, with a population of more than 120,000, exclusively Jewish. The buildings are more modern, if possible, than in either Jerusalem or Haifa. The new Jewish colonies around Jaffa and Tel-Aviv are transforming the desert into a veritable "Garden of Eden". The desert is being made to "Blossom as a Rose". (Isa. 35:1)

Colonies

Through the Keren Hayesod, the channel by which the Zionists operate, more than \$26,000,000 have been spent in developments during the past thirteen years. Approximately half this amount came from the United States. In 1901 there were only seventeen Jewish settlements in all Palestine; in 1934 there were more than one hundred and fifty. More than 100,000 Jews migrated to Palestine in 1933 and 1934. Twenty-five per cent of the entire population of Palestine is now Jewish. I was told that the Jews entering Palestine in 1935 have numbered about 1,000 per week, and would possibly total 60,000 by the end of the present year.

In 1917 there were 56,000 Jews in Palestine; now there are approximately 350,000. In 1881 Jews owned 20,000 dunams (5,000 acres) and in 1934 they owned 1,200,000 dunams. In 1913, 900,000 boxes of oranges were shipped out of the country; in 1933-34 more than 5,000,000 were shipped. All these developments sound great, and are certainly fulfilling the prophecies concerning the "remnant" of Jacob being re-established in the Land of Palestine but there is also a tragic side to all these facts and figures.

Communism

The vicious hand of Communism is getting a grip upon the Jewish life of Palestine; this is particularly true in the surrounding colonies or settlements.

According to figures furnished by

Keren Hayesod, which are official for Zionism, of the sixty-two Zionist settlements in Palestine in 1933, twenty-one were co-operatives, twenty-six small-holder settlements, nine assisted, five girl training farms and one experimental station.

These co-operative settlements are communal or Communistic by nature. They are based on the same principle as the collective settlements in Russia. The land is not owned by the men and women who farm it, but by either the sinister Rothschild interests or the Zionist organization. Those who live in these communal colonies, get nothing for their labor except food and clothing, which in most cases, I was told, is very meager. *Both Communism and Zionism being of Jewish origin, it is not to be wondered that we should find them frequently closely associated.*

The people in these colonies live in barracks and eat in one common "mess hall", and in many cases the morals are deplorable. Hundreds of boys and girls from Europe have been lured into these colonies by agencies painting a beautiful picture to them of how they could help build and restore their country to a "place in the sun". When these boys and girls are once brought into these colonies, they become virtual slaves and under these conditions, morals drop. Marriage is almost unknown, yet there are many children born in these barracks and are immediately placed in an institution whose duty it is to care for and rear them. Pure Communism!

I understood from missionaries in the Holy Land, that often young men and women escape from these communal colonies, and come into the cities completely dis-illusioned, broken in body and spirit; with the feeling that they

have been "duped" by the promoters of Zionism. They beg for anything to do, to avoid returning to this filthy communal life.

Of the sixty-two colonies in 1933, one third were communal. At the close of 1934 the Keren Hayesod reported more than one hundred and fifty colonies in Palestine. If the same percentage of communal colonies remains, that means there are now more than fifty of these co-operative or Communistic colonies.

Property

As stated above, in 1881 all land owned by the Jews in Palestine totalled only 20,000 dunams, (about 5,000 acres) but all this was owned by individuals or privately. In December 1934 the Jews owned 1,200,000 dunams of land, but of this amount, the Rothschild interests (P. I. C. A.) owned 375,000 dunams and the Jewish National Fund, (Zionism) owned 342,000 dunams, which made a total of 717,000 dunams owned by these two concerns, while all individuals owned only 483,000 dunams. These two agencies own approximately 60 per cent of the land in Jewish pos-

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session in Palestine.

On the "small-holder" communities, which number more than one third of the settlements, the family who settles and cultivates the land, can never own it in the sense that we own property in America. They can live on it, farm it and improve it, but it can never become their property. It can never be disposed of, but must remain a part of the "fund." *Jewish capital is now exploiting their "brethren"; and this is true to Israelitish history.*

Labor Conditions

What is true in the colonies is true in the cities, so far as unjust labor conditions are concerned. I asked an electrician, as we sat together in a restaurant in Tel-Aviv, what wages the laborers were getting, and he replied that skilled labor, (such as electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc.) were getting about thirty-five to forty paestas per day; (\$1.75 to \$2.00) and that unskilled labor was getting fifteen to twenty

paestas (\$.75 to \$1.00) per day. He said living costs were about the same in Tel-Aviv as in Chicago. He was from Chicago, and I asked if he was going to stay in Palestine, and he said he was returning to the United States.

It is the same old story—powerful Jews without love, feeling or regard for the weaker members of their race.

Schools

The Jews have more than three hundred schools in Palestine, with an enrollment of almost 33,000. Sixty-six per cent of these schools were established, and are operated by the Keren Hayesod, which means that Zionism controls them, and with the Communistic activities and Ideas of Zionism well known, no doubt these Jewish children will all be trained in the way of Communism, and the proposed economic and political "golden age" to be established by the Jews in Palestine will be of the Communistic type.

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The Great Tribulation

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"FOR then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be . . . And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened".

This quotation refers to a distinct period of history prophesied by Christ in that remarkable discourse, the 24th Chapter of Matthew, the events of which shall surround His second coming.

Jesus called it "Great Tribulation". Great because in no other period of history, from Eden to that time nor until the ushering in of the new heaven and the new earth, shall there be anything to equal it in point of suffering, judgments and retribution on the earth.

This same term is used in Revelation 7:14, and in the original Greek reads, "The Great Tribulation". I have emphasized the article "the" because it is there, and distinguishes this period from all other "tribulations" visited the world.

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I. WHY I BELIEVE IN THE TRIBULATION

I believe in the Great Tribulation, first because it is Biblical. Much prophecy in the Old Testament regarding the Second Coming has reference to this period. Daniel calls it, "the time of Jacob's trouble." He also agrees with the words of Christ, in our text, when he says in Daniel 12:1, "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has since there was a nation even to that same time."

Joel refers to it in the following words: "The day of the Lord cometh, for it is at hand: a day of darkness and of gloominess," "there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations." Jeremiah also speaks of it, "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it."

If you wish to see an enlarged picture of this terrible period, read from the sixth to the nineteenth chapters of Revelation.

2. In the second place, I believe in the fact of the Great Tribulation because every tribulation period foretold in the past, has been fulfilled to the letter, and God's Word can not and will

not be broken in this circumstance.

The Flood was predicted, and it came. The destruction of Sodom was predicted, and it took place. Plagues were predicted to come upon Egypt, and they came. Who has the authority to say that this greatest of all tribulations will not be fulfilled just as the prophecies declare?

3. Again, I believe in the Great Tribulation because tribulation is inevitable! The world has ignored God's will. Judgment follows sin as night follows day. What do I mean by that? Simply this, at the rate the world is going now, and has been going the past two decades, it will bring on the Tribulation of its own accord. The world's suffering will follow automatically.

What else could one expect when we consider our increasing Godlessness, crime waves, apostasy, lowered standards of morality, skepticism rampant in schools and churches, the organization of Damned Souls Societies in colleges, the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism gaining ground and Atheistic Communism and Godless Fascism spreading like wild fire? The Nations have sown their "wild oats". They may as well reconcile themselves to the coming harvest.

II. THE TIME OR LOCATION OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

The Great Tribulation proper will take place immediately following the Rapture of the Saints. But there will be constant and ever increasing suffering leading up to the final climax of horror. The saints will get a taste of what is coming before their deliverance.

Daniel's "seventieth week", detached from the previous "sixty-nine" which have already been fulfilled, represents the last seven-year period of the age.

Bear in mind also that there are seven Church ages outlined in the seven Church letters which Christ had John send to the Churches of Asia Minor. The seventh, or last church age, is Laodicea.

Daniel's seventieth week laps back into this Laodicean Church age, and the Church age laps over into the Great Tribulation.

I have placed it thus for it would seem as though the saints will experience what Jesus calls, "the beginning of sorrows" and this "beginning of sorrows" may be the very first part of the Tribulation period.

Why should the Church remain to see this beginning of sorrows? To prepare the saints fully for the Rapture.

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"JESUS Christ, who is the faithful witness".

The Apostle Paul told Timothy that "in the last days perilous times shall come".

One of the greatest of the predicted perils is false witnesses, both in the professing church and out of the church. In our civil courts the man who withholds evidence which is due the State for the protection of human society, or particularly who bears false witness, is a traitor to his country and has Benedict Arnold beaten a thousand miles.

Judas Iscariot betrayed his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. There are other kinds of false witnesses who would betray their nation for a quart of rotten liquor, and then not have the decency to go and hang themselves as Judas did.

But we have false witnesses in the professing church; men who are betraying their Lord every day by denying His virgin birth, His deity, His blood atonement, His resurrection, His second coming, and other fundamental doctrines. They are putting the Son of God to an open shame. "Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever". (Jude 13).

All the world is agreed that Jesus Christ is the wisest and best Man Who ever lived. The cowardly Roman governor who tried Him said, "I find in Him no fault at all". Renan and Voltaire, the famous French infidels, said He was the purest and best Man the world has ever known. Tom Paine and Bob Ingersoll, America's brightest infidels, with all their horrid blasphemy, never spoke a word against the character of Jesus Christ.

It remained for some of the so-called leaders of the church of the present day, some of the so-called shining lights in our higher institutions of learning, to do Jesus Christ more real harm than Judas Iscariot, or Pontius Pilate, or Renan, or Voltaire, or Tom Paine, or Bob Ingersoll. They too admit His pure and holy life, and His profound wisdom, and then with an inconsistency that is passing strange, they deny the very fundamental doctrines to which He testified as THE FAITHFUL WITNESS.

Let us consider some of His testimony:

As to God

First: What is the testimony of Jesus Christ as to God?

Modern science, permeated through and through with a false theory of Evolution, testifies in the person of some of its leaders that God is "a great natural force"—not a person, or three persons in one, but a force.

The mighty prophet, Daniel foretold us twenty five hundred years ago, that in the last days this huge idol to the glory of the Antichrist would be set up as "the God of forces". This prophecy is beginning to be fulfilled in our

day, and will be fulfilled shortly in a much more terrible sense. Scientific men are bowing to "the god of forces".

In their vain conceit they think to cast down the God of our fathers and to set up and to honor "the god of forces". God with them, and with their votaries, is no longer "Our Father in heaven", in whose image we were made, but he (or it) is a great "cosmic force", starting with protoplasm and evolving into animals and men and finally "super men". A few years ago I heard William Jennings Bryan say that this false view of God is the most dangerous error sweeping over the world today.

Now hear the testimony of "Jesus Christ, the faithful witness" as to God. He says God is our Father, our Creator, Preserver and Redeemer, a personal spirit Being. He says God loves us. How could a "cosmic force" love? He says: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

He says God is interested in us and takes notice of all we do, and strives, by His Spirit, to inspire us to do right. He says, not a sparrow falls to the ground without our Father in heaven sees it. He says God takes such minute care of us that He has the hairs of our head all numbered. (Matt. 10:29-30). He says our Father knows what things we have need of before we ask Him. He wants to be prayed to, but it would be impossible to pray to "a great cosmic force".

Now you see that these two witnesses do not agree. Their testimony conflicts. Whom are you going to believe? Will you believe the evolutionary scientist who has become "wise in his own conceit", or Jesus Christ "the faithful witness"? Who even the evolutionary scientist admits is the wisest and best Man Who ever lived in the world? As for me, I choose to believe Christ and will continue to pray "Our Father which art in heaven".

As to the Bible

Second: What is the testimony of Jesus Christ as to the Bible?

Of course He only testified, while a Man here on the earth, to the Old Testament. It was here then, essentially as we have it today. He read it in the synagogues, taught it to the people, and said it was so important that not "a jot or tittle" of it should pass away till all be fulfilled. (Matt. 5:18).

Some of our self-styled, learned lead-

ers tell us that the Old Testament Scriptures are just the "folk lore" of the Jews, but little better than the "folk lore" of any other nation. "Inspired?", you ask them. They answer, "Yes, inspired like Shakespeare's writings are inspired, like Milton's Paradise Lost is inspired". Thus these so-called "intellectuals" put Shakespeare and Paradise Lost, and the Bible, all in the same class.

But Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, did not do this. The Iliad and the Odyssey by Homer, just as great as Shakespeare and Paradise Lost, from a literary standpoint, were in existence when Christ was on the earth. I do not know if He ever read them. He could have done so. Certainly He did not put them in the same class as the Bible. A faithful witness could not do that. A witness who does that today is a lying witness.

Jesus Christ appealed to the Bible constantly as the authoritative Word of God, the words of the Holy Spirit, thus endorsing the doctrine of verbal inspiration. He spoke of the Bible as an infallible rule of faith and life. He said it was sufficient for our salvation. He said, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead".

He hurled defiance at the so-called scholarly leaders of His day who substituted the traditions of men for the commandments of God contained in the Scriptures. He even rebuked His own disciples and called them "fools and slow of heart to believe", because they failed to see that in His life and death, and resurrection, He was just fulfilling what had been written about Him hundreds of years before in Moses and the prophets. "Beginning at Moses and the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself". (Luke 24:25-27).

Again I ask whose testimony will you accept, that of self-styled scholars, who do not know a tithe of what they profess to know, and try to make you believe they know, or that of Jesus Christ the faithful witness? You must choose!

As to Himself

Third: What is the testimony of Jesus Christ as to Himself?

Some of the "scholarly" crowd—I mean the group that attempt to monopolize that term, as if it should be applied only to themselves—would place

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Jesus in the same class with Confucius, or Buddha, or Zoroaster, or Mohammed.

These scholars admit however that Jesus is the greatest and best and wisest of all religious teachers. They say His Sermon on the Mount is incomparable as a moral code, and that His teachings in general are profoundly wise and good. In short they say He is the wisest and best Man the world ever produced, (*Only the world did not produce Him; He produced the world.*)

So far they are right. And now I invite your attention to what the wisest and best man "the world ever produced" said about Himself. Surely He is in a position to testify about Himself. For nearly two thousand years He has been on trial, and even in our criminal courts we allow people who are on trial to testify on their own behalf.

Humbly and reverently we ask you, Lord Jesus, to take the witness stand:

Question: "Who are you, Jesus?"

Answer: "I am the only begotten Son of God (John 3:16) and the Son of Man." (Luke 6:5).

Question: "Where do you live, Jesus?"

Answer: "In heaven, at the right hand of the Father. The Father and I are one."

Question: "Why did you leave such a home and come to this sin-cursed world, Jesus?"

Answer: "I came to seek and to save that which was lost."

Question: "Did not your Father object to your coming, Jesus?"

Answer: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Question: "How did you save the lost, Jesus?"

Answer: "I died for them. No man

took my life from me. I laid it down of myself. I had power to lay it down and I had power to take it again."

Question: "Did you take it again, Jesus? Did you really rise from the dead? Some who call themselves scholars say your resurrection was not real."

Answer: "Thomas doubted too, but I had him put his finger in the nail holes where they nailed me to the cross and thrust his hand into the great hole where the spear went in and then he believed and cried 'My Lord and my God'."

Question: "Can any man be saved without you, Jesus?"

Answer: "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Question: "Will you come again to this world, Jesus?"

Answer: "Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." "Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Once more I ask whose testimony will you receive, that of Jesus Christ, the "Faithful Witness?", or the evolutionary so-called "scholarly critics", who admit that He was the wisest Man the world ever saw and turn right around and reject His testimony concerning Himself?

As to Man

Fourth: Space will not permit me to go at length into the testimony of Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, as to man—his origin, his present condition and his destiny.

Christ endorsed the Genesis account of creation and all the rest of the Bible, and briefly His testimony is this: Man was not evolved from the lower animals, but is a direct creation of an Almighty, personal God, and came from the hands of his Creator a perfect being. He fell, however, and by a process of *devolution*, instead of evolution, he degenerated until many of his descendants reached a condition like that of the savages of a so-called stone age.

But Christ came to save him out of that fallen condition, and it is only where Christ is known that man is ever come up and out of it.

As to the destiny of man, Jesus Christ teaches the immortality of the spirit, the resurrection of the body, the life everlasting of believers, and the endless punishment of those who die

impenitent.

Reader, perilous times have already come. Never before in the history of the world have the fundamentals of the Christian religion been attacked as they are now being attacked. Men who have a morbid desire to pose before the world as learned, men who know but little more than you do, but who are skilled in terminology, are using all their skill to draw men away from Christ to themselves for their own glory.

My advice to you, nay my earnest plea with you, is to live close to Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. Believe HIM and trust HIM, in preference to all others. If you do not already know HIM, make immediate peace with HIM.

A Time of Trouble

A time of trouble stands ahead,
A time that men and nations dread;
For wicked men grow worse and worse
Who to the world are but a curse.
For they will not repent and pray
Nor walk the narrow, heavenly way,
But turn their back on God and right,
Reject the truth and Gospel light.

Wherever men and women meet
Along the boulevard or street,
In private place or public mart
Adultery fills the mind and heart:
For women dress in nudist style,
It seems, in order to beguile
The good and bad alike today
And take their manhood all away.

The clouds of war are gather'g o'er,
And soon we'll hear the cannons roar,
And see the wounded and the dead,
While airplanes gather overhead,
And drop their bombs with mighty roar
And spread their gas from shore to shore

Thus leaving death both far and wide
In city, town and country side.

The nations are in sin and strife,
And will not come to Christ for life:
Perplexity, unrest and fear
Increases now from year to year.
So much has come of greed and lust,
With less of confidence and trust,
Till men and nations both are mad
And may do anything that's bad.

The Antichrist will soon appear,
And Jesus' coming may be near;
The governments of earth will crash,
And Armageddon's awful clash,
Where blood will like a river flow,
Is just ahead we surely know—
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It may take a little persecution to bring God's children together in unity and true spirituality. We are made perfect "through suffering".

I feel that God's people should love one another more than they do; they should pray for each other more, and demonstrate truer loyalty than they do. Yea, I think a little Tribulation would help us to appreciate each other; such an experience will also serve to draw believers closer to Christ.

In referring to the coming Tribulation, Jesus warned the saints: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The final "ESCAPE" of the Church is certain. The saints will be taken out of the earth before the closing reign of misery comes, but it will get a glimpse, a real foretaste of what awaits the unbelieving world.

III. THE NATURE OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

The Great Tribulation will be marked by the reign of the Antichrist and the casting down of Satan from the atmospheric regions as the result of his battle with Michael, the archangel. Under the regime of the Beast and the False Prophet, who will work at the behest of Satan, a last great effort will be made to influence every living soul to rebel against God.

There will then be a series of plagues on earth and occurrences in the atmospheric heavens, such as the breaking of the seven "Seals", the blasting of the seven "Trumpets", and pouring out of the seven "Vials" of the wrath of God upon the earth. You will find these described in Revelation, chapters six to nineteen.

When you have finished reading about these terrible judgments which shall visit the world at that time, you will know what Jesus meant when He said: "Except those days be shortened, no flesh shall be saved".

Among the judgments there will be a plague of locusts from the bottomless pit "with power as the scorpions of the earth have power." These will go out and torment the wicked God-defiers of earth.

These locusts will look like horses,

and will have faces as men, hair like women, teeth like lions, tails like scorpions, and when they fly their wings will sound like the noise of many chariots. They will be allowed to hurt men for a period of five months. There will be a king or general over them to direct them. In those days men will want to die, but death will flee from them.

Then in the sixteenth chapter of Revelation, there are described seven terrible plagues when the seven Vials of God's wrath will be emptied upon the earth.

With the first Vial there comes a noisome and grievous sore, like leprosy, upon those who have the mark of the Beast. Then in the sea and the rivers there will be a chemical change turning the water into blood. After this the heat of the Sun will be intensified, made scorchingly hot, until the wicked will be burned with great heat, but they will blaspheme all the more and will refuse to repent of their wicked deeds.

Finally the seventh angel will pour out his Vial and a great world-wide earthquake will come "such as was not since men were upon the earth", at which time "the cities of the nations" will fall. You notice it is "cities", plural, of the "nations", plural. That would include London, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, Shanghai, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Seattle, Los Angeles, Kansas City and all the rest of the great centers of population.

To climax it all, great hailstones will fall, each stone weighing about a talent. Go to your Bible dictionaries and you will find that a talent is nearly a hundred pounds. In the Old Testament, blasphemers were to be stoned to death. In the Great Tribulation, stones from the atmospheric regions will fall upon the blasphemers, crashing through their houses, beating over walls, staving in ships, and reeking death and destruction in general. But will even this make men repent? Apparently not in the cases of many, for the record says, men will "blaspheme God for the plague of the hail."

IV. ARE THE GREAT TRIBULATION PLAGUES LITERAL?

Some of the things written in Revelation are no doubt symbolic, but I am persuaded that much will be literally fulfilled as recorded. Some one asks, How could that be? Is it reasonable?

I answer, just as reasonable as were the plagues on Egypt. The River Nile was turned into blood for seven days and even water in the vessels in Egypt

were turned into blood. In fact, you will find quite a comparison between the plagues that came on Egypt, and those which are to visit the world during the Great Tribulation.

In Egypt, the lice, frogs, locusts, hail, blood and death to the first-born were all literal.

The Great Tribulation will be just as real as was the tribulation of fire on Sodom, and of water that came on the living creatures in Noah's day. Lot escaped the brimstone. Noah escaped the flood. The Church will escape the Tribulation.

V. WILL PEOPLE BE SAVED DURING THE TRIBULATION?

Now this is a question which is answered affirmatively; some will disagree, but I maintain that so long as

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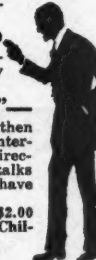
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men exist on earth, if they have not crossed the dead line and sinned against the Holy Ghost, it will be possible for them to find salvation by meeting the conditions of repentance and faith in Christ.

No one has the authority to say otherwise. If people are dwelling on the earth after the Rapture and during the Tribulation, (and the Bible teaches they will) then I believe a righteous and compassionate God will have mercy if they call upon Him. The following are my reasons for this assertion:

1. There will be nations and peoples in the world during the Great Tribulation while the saints are in the New Jerusalem above the earth, with Christ at the Marriage of the Lamb. This is proven by the whole tenor of Scripture in Revelation and other instances describing the Tribulation. One of the strongest proofs is found in Revelation, the nineteenth chapter, where Christ and His saints meet the assembled armies of the nations with the Antichrist at the battle of Armageddon.

This, you will note, takes place immediately following the Marriage of the Lamb and upon the arrival of the heavenly procession as it moves down toward the earth. And if there are nations, and people here, then there is a chance for their salvation under certain conditions.

2. That people will have an opportunity of being converted during the Great Tribulation is proven, in the second place, from the fact that many saints and redeemed are said to be on earth at that time. The Beast, we are told, "makes war on the saints". These are called "Tribulation saints" who will be saved during that period, after the Rapture. (It may be well to insert here that "The Tribulation saints" will be raptured out of the Great Tribulation before Christ returns to earth, as a study of Revelation 20:4-6 clearly infers.)

3. It is proven, in the third place, from the fact that messengers will be sent, to preach to the people during

the Great Tribulation. Among them are the "two witnesses" of Revelation 11:3-13, who many Bible scholars believe will be Moses and Elijah because these two were on the mount of transfiguration with Christ, an experience which was Christ's return in miniature, or a rehearsal, as it were.

Another thing that makes us feel they will be Moses and Elijah is because one will have power to stop the heavens and the other will turn the waters into blood. Moses did the latter, and Elijah did the former, by divine interposition in Old Testament times. Although it is recorded the people will rebel against the ministries or judgments the two bring, yet they are present on earth to witness. If Moses and Elijah preach, they will be sure to make converts.

And finally an angel will come "having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and every tongue, and people". Think what that will mean! An angel with no physical limitations like we mortals have, will visit the four corners of the earth preaching the Everlasting Gospel. Think of the volume of his voice! Think of the speed with which he will travel! Think of the eloquence and effectiveness of his message! Think with what awe the people will listen as they view his shining person. Like Jonah's preaching in Nineveh, it will no doubt be effective.

This angel will visit "every nation and kindred and tongue", saying, "with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters".

Two other angels follow shortly after this first angel, one of whom will announce the fall of Babylon and the third will warn of the dire consequences to those who worship the Beast, and his image, and receive his mark.

4. That people will be saved in the Tribulation Period, is further proven by the numbers of the redeemed that John looked ahead and saw. First he saw one hundred forty-four thousand converted Jews, twelve thousand out of each tribe, sealed of God, having the Father's name in their foreheads and given white robes. (Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1). Four angels are told to hurt not the earth or sea nor the trees until these one hundred forty-four thousand servants of God are sealed. Evidently this will take place at the beginning of the Great Tribulation before the plagues come.

But notice: In chapter seven, verses nine to fourteen, of Revelation, we are told of "a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues," clothed with white robes, crying: "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

"Who are these people clothed in long white robes? And where have they come from?"—the question is asked of John. Here is the answer: These are they who have just come out of the Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. What Tribulation? "THE GREAT TRIBULATION" Article "the" is in the original Greek. Where and how were they saved? Doubtless under the preaching of the angel messengers and others sent to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

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Christians Starved and Murdered Says Dr. Patmont

THE following article appeared in the *Wichita Daily Eagle*, September 24.

Speaking as an eye-witness of conditions in Russia, Dr. Louis R. Patmont told a capacity crowd last night in the Defenders Tabernacle that he has seen almost unbelievable persecution of Christians in Soviet Russia during the last few years.

Using as his subject, "The Spirit on Face of Bolshevism", he declared: "Many people believe that Bolshevism is an expression of the spirit of altruism, the ultimate result of the American idea of democracy. This is a delusion. The face of Bolshevism betrays its true nature. It is inspired by hatred; its motivating power is malevolence and it is able to maintain itself only by conspiracy, betrayal, deception and violence.

"International communism has assumed a defiant attitude toward Christianity and also has flung a blasphemous defiance into the face of Almighty God. Its anti-Christian character is symbolized by the up-lifted fist, the persecution of the church, and opposition to social purity.

"In 1929 alone, 1,370 church properties either were confiscated or destroyed in Soviet Russia, and since then, other thousands of buildings used for religious worship have been closed. I speak as an eye-witness knowing the

Russian language. I have traveled thousands of miles in Russia unlike the tourist who spends a few days in Moscow and the vicinity, directed by secret police disguised as 'Intourist guides.'

Food Cards to Atheists

"This oppression against the church is further intensified by the fact that only atheists can obtain work and procure food cards. The meager food supplies sold by small private vendors of food can be purchased only at exorbitant prices. Soviet orators admit that ten million people will be put out of the way through such methods in order that the plans of communism may be carried out unhindered.

"Many Christians are victims of exposure to cold because of scantiness of apparel and inadequacy of shelter. According to some estimates, about 1,000,000 prisoners now are being confined on the Solovestky islands in the White Sea.

"At Kyem, a former monastery, which has been changed into a prison, scores of evangelical ministers have been cut off from communication with their people and are being tortured to death in overheated prison cells or else are confined to filthy, vermin infested, unheated prison cells where their lives are being slowly snuffed out, due to such exposure or to the ravages of typhus."

When Jews Hate Jews

A DEFENDER Reader in Pasadena, California writes as follows:

"I have been in Russia. The real condition there is never given to the public in our newspapers. Communism is not a mere bogey to frighten us. It is real, and will sweep this Country within ten years unless the people are quickly told the truth... I could write a book of the experiences we had, dealing with the Jewish question in Russia and Germany... The Jews got control of the Masonic lodge of Continental Europe and have been using it to foster Communism."

Moscow has become a modern Mecca for apostate Jews. No honest and informed person denies that Jewish Capitalists invented Communism as a means for deceiving the laboring classes and destroying the Gentile nations.

General Ludendorff, of Germany, said last month that the international Jewish money power is working in Asia, preparing to strike Europe "so that the nations shall tear each other to pieces for the benefit of the Jews."

Certain Hebrew Christians who condone the leaders of their race who are responsible for perpetrating these crimes, are guilty of a great wrong. "Converted" Jews may defend Jewish apostates, but the apostates have no love for them.

IT IS NOW DISCOVERED THAT A RUSSIAN JEW IS WRITING THE REGULAR WEEKLY EDITORIALS

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A well known Hebrew Christian, who has two brothers that are Communist leaders in the United States, writes the Editor of *The Defender* as follows: "One of my brothers said to me that when the time comes, although he himself would not do it, he would certainly get some Comrade to 'REMOVE' me... Nothing would please me better, except a great revival, than the stamping out of Communism in our land. By all means go ahead, and may God bless you."

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Playing "Cards" In The Home

By Dr. Richard W. Lewis, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

IN a lovely Christian home recently I saw two ministers of the Gospel and the wife of a preacher enjoying a game of cards! All were smiling, laughing, relaxing—having "a good time"!

This scene reminded me of what I had just read in the daily press that day, "boxed", and on the front page, about a social "butterfly" who had won a game of "contract bridge" (whatever that means!) with "thirteen diamonds" in her "hand", all of which meant nothing at all to me, yet it was recited and regaled as a great event in the "bridge" world.

Then my mind ran back to my daily annoyance for years as I have stumbled constantly on to "Culbertson's Lessons in Bridge", while reading the news.

Next my mind jumped back many years to the time when our children were young and many, and we lived on a ranch in New Mexico, and they grew lonesome on long Sunday afternoons, as companions were few and far between.

As a panacea for this painful social lack I devised a set of Bible cards, 60 cards, each bearing four verses of Scripture. This new game was built on the order of the popular game of "Authors". Well, it worked! Our children sat for hours playing it. Being a Bible game it was allowed to be played on Sunday. I played with the children. It was not a game *about* the Bible—it was the Bible, in part. Sixty choice verses were woven into a fascinating game.

While the rules did not call for memorizing, whoever knew the verses called for and repeated them correctly, kept those cards, thus breaking into the other player's "Topic", or "book", as it is called in "Authors". Thus a premium was placed upon memorizing the verses, and just where they were found, (as the calling was by books, chapters and verses), while the game was proceeding, and in order to win.

A Chicago religious publisher took over the game and sold it around the world! Other games followed, until there were about half a dozen all built on the Bible. The familiar old friends, like checker boards and dominoes, had their faces washed and altogether changed! There were 32 striking verses placed in the 32 vacant squares of the former, and all spots removed from the latter, and well selected Scripture verses placed on the new face dominoes. The matching was by number, from one to seven—the Bible number for completeness.

Then, in arranging other games, my mind ran to Holy Writ, recalling such passages as King Saul's injunction, "Provide me a man that can play skill-

fully, and bring him to me" (1 Sam. 16:17); "Play skilfully with a loud noise" (Psa. 33:3); "a child shall play" (Isa. 11:8). Then came a line of "rest" passages—rest for God's people—like "a Sabbath of rest" (Exodus 31:15); "I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14); David planned to build "a house of rest", a Church, the Temple (1 Chron. 28:2); Jesus so sweetly said, "I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28); Then Jesus described evil spirits as "seeking rest", but finding none (Matt. 12:43). Paul cheers us with the assurance "There remaineth a rest to the people of God"—future rest with our Lord! (Heb. 4:11). The Psalmist puts it: "Rest in the Lord" (Psa. 37:7), while Isaiah tells us, "Ye may cause the weary to rest" (Isa. 28:12). Even disembodied spirits are called upon to "rest for a season" (Rev. 6:11), and the dead are said to "rest from their labors" (Rev. 14:13).

Then I asked myself the question: Has the Church of Jesus Christ done its duty in providing sufficient play-life and rest-seasons for the children and young people—even for our older folk? On a certain train recently I saw children and adults playing the wicked spotted cards, and I wondered if it was due only to having nothing better, provided by those who claim to have something better than anything the world possesses.

All over the nation card-playing and dancing have taken on new life and vigor. For the people are tired, worried, vexed. They would forget their annoyances for a moment, at least. They would relax. They want to laugh. That is the secret of Will Roger's great popularity—he made people laugh!

The game that we preachers and the preacher's wife were playing that night, and which we so much enjoyed, was "Bible Topic Cards", the very game made for the children on the Mexico ranch. We had more pleasure than do the "bridge" players, for we added profit to pleasure as we learned something well worthwhile—the Word of God, by which we are to have our lives judged one of these days.

Being the father of a dozen children, and known over the nation for many years as "The Children's Evangelist", I feel that I am duly warranted in urging pastors, parents, Sunday School teachers and all who touch intimately young life, to make sure that ample recreation is provided that will HOLD the young to the Church, the Bible

and the Lord Himself.

Why not the religious press of the United States start a campaign for cleaner, better, higher, more wholesome recreation and play-life for our young people and our children? If we fail to supply them innocent recreation, we may rest assured that Satan will not fail to entice them with his character-destroying games and recreations.

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By James True, Washington, D. C.

EVIDENTLY every possible effort has been made to suppress the official report of the investigation made of Commonwealth College by the Arkansas legislature last February. After much difficulty and expense, a copy has been procured by a Washington investigator. It proves that free love, atheism and Communism have been regularly taught at the "College". Many of the details of the evidence are too vile for publication.

The transcript also shows that liberal financial support of Commonwealth College came from members of the Jewish family of Supreme Court Justice Brandeis. Among much other evidence is a letter written on FERA stationery, dated October 25th, 1934 from C. F. Klinefelter, an assistant director, to W. R. Dyess, State Relief Administrator, which reads, in part, as follows:

"Mr. Lincoln Koch, president of Commonwealth College, at Mena, Arkansas, has been here in the office presenting the claim of his institution as a special case for participation in the College Student Aid program. After consideration of the facts involved, Mr. Aubrey Williams agreed to approve this institution for participating in the program under the same conditions as set forth in Mr. Hopkins' letter of July 3rd, namely that it will be entitled to an allotment of funds basis of 12 per cent of the full time enrollment as of October 15th, 1934."

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By Oswald J. Smith, Pastor The Peoples Church, Toronto.

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"And what do you think about it?"

"I dare not say. It is too terrible for words."

"You know the date?"

"I know the date."

"And you believe what he says?"

"I do."

"But is such a thing possible? How can it be done?"

"Listen! We are all ready. The entire country is divided into districts. A leader, trained at headquarters, has been placed over each section. Behind the scenes a master mind controls all. When he gives the word, those under him will act."

"You mean to say that such an organization exists?"

"I do."

"But will the people respond?"

"The leaders, my friend, know every

house in every block, and every individual in their territory. They have the names of those upon whom they can rely."

"Will it happen suddenly?"

"It will happen so quickly that it will be all over before the government can organize. We number our supporters in millions, and they are ready."

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—Turn To Page 26.

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"The Democratic Party was 'stolen' in 1932 by a group following the Socialist theory who moved their forces en masse into the Democratic primaries. The same group, by moving their forces en masse into the Republican primaries in 1936, are planning to 'steal' that party."

Christian patriots all over the United States should read the exposure contained in these pages. The Editor of *The Defender* urges the immediate circulation of this booklet in large quantities. IT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED.

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AFTER ITS KIND. By Byron C. Nelson. Published by Augsburg Publishing House. Pages 217. Price \$1.50.

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Dr. Bergsma's story takes the reader back to the fifty century A. D. when Cadance was Queen of Ethiopia and the Roman Caesars ruled the rest of the world.

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Using ten stories, related in conversational form, Mr. Ridgway draws many an important lesson which will prove stimulating to those who read.

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WHY I ESCAPED FROM SOVIET RUSSIA. By Alexander Evstifeeff. Published by the Author. Pages 407. Price 75 cents.

EVER since the establishment of the Communist Regime in Soviet Russia, the shores of the north western part of the United States have echoed with an insidious propaganda. Many Russians who had escaped from the oppression of the old Czaristic regime, saw in the overthrow of the Romanoffs and the Red revolution the liberation of their beloved motherland.

It was therefore not surprising that Communist agitators found many willing listeners there, who believed that all Soviet agitators were true apostles of liberty.

Among this class of people was Alexander Evstifeeff of Seattle, Washington,—the man without a country, day laborer and sailor. When the opportunity presented itself to return to Russia, he was glad to join his comrades of the proletariat persuasion. He believed he would get into a "workers paradise", where living conditions are pleasant and working conditions the best in the world.

Disillusionment came soon after he reached Russian soil. He discovered

that he had been trapped by clever Soviet propaganda and that his beloved country had reverted to a barbarism the like of which had not been known in Russia since Ivan the Terrible.

Although the Author must be classed as an uneducated man, he has nevertheless succeeded in giving a true description of actual living and working conditions in the Soviet Union. The tragedy and despair of the Russian masses are further illustrated by crude, but impressive drawings, made by himself. He leaves no doubt about being thoroughly cured of Bolshevism, and was happy for the opportunity to return to America. He is grateful for the asylum granted him in this Country by the immigration authorities.

The book is full of pathos and will serve effectively as an eye-opener to those who, like this man, have become victims of the insidious Soviet propaganda carried on among the laboring classes of America.

Rev. Sims at Rest

By Rev. Oswald J. Smith, People's Church, Toronto.

REV. A. Sims has gone home. He left us on Wednesday, August 21st and was buried from the Peoples Church beside his wife in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto, on Saturday, August 24th.

Brother Sims would have been 84 years of age in September. He was active to the very end and was only ill a week. He preached his last sermon less than two weeks before his departure. It is impossible at this early date to express our feelings. We have been stunned and have not yet recovered from the blow. A great warrior has gone home. Earth is poorer but heaven richer. God, we know, never makes a mistake.

The name "A. Sims" is known around the world, not because he has traveled extensively but because he has been writing for nearly half a century, and his books, pamphlets and tracts have had a world-wide circulation.

His road was not an easy one. He knew what it was to be persecuted for his beliefs. He saw the truth concerning the Second Coming of Christ and preached it, but suffered as a result.

His ministry has been most fruitful. No one who knew him will ever forget

his bright, happy, genial disposition. His great themes were Faith, Prayer and Prophecy. He wrote about prayer and he practiced what he proclaimed.

He was converted some 66 years ago at the age of 18, and he preached the Gospel for approximately 65 years. His early work was among the primitive Methodists of England, the Country of his birth. Later, he became associated with the Free Methodists of Canada, and during the past fifteen years, with our work here in Toronto.

His wife went to be with the Lord thirteen months earlier. Her home-going was a blow to him, but he found solace in his work. Three unfinished manuscripts for new books lie on his desk. One is his Life Story, a book which I urged him to write at the time of his illness last winter. We are hoping it will be completed and published, that the present generation may have the privilege of reading the testimony of one of God's choicest servants.

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS

"THERE shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars." (Luke 21:25.)

In recent months newspapers have been reporting strange manifestations of the sun in various parts of the world.

Last year the sunsets at Puget Sound attracted the attention of hundreds of meteorologists and Weather Bureau experts, for a number of evenings. A Seattle paper said: "A pillar of white light rose vertically from the gorgeous colouring of the sky surrounding the setting sun. Those who have faith in omens regarded the pillar of light as a mystic sign but could not interpret it."

The same sign has recently been seen in England a number of times, and as one says: "It was the most glorious phenomena ever witnessed by human eyes." Photographs taken in England show the display in four positions. (1) Three columns of white light. (2) The three become one. (3) The column be-

comes a cross. (4) The cross becomes a four-ray star.

Is there not a suggestion here of the Triune God, Three in One; the Cross as the world's only hope; the culmination—the Bright Morning Star, Christ coming soon for His own?

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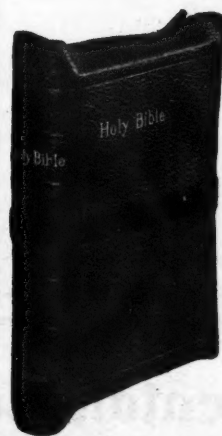
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NEWS.

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"Who do you mean?"
 "The master mind; the one whose word is law."

"But is he man or spirit?"

"He is a man."

"Where does he live?"

"I dare not tell you."

"What is his name?"

"That, even I do not know."

"And you are one of them?"

"I am, and if I were to betray them it would mean death, death by torture. I could not escape."

"It is horrible! too horrible to contemplate! Our civilization, our culture, all we have attained, our lovely homes and churches, our beloved country—surely it can't be possible!"

"Not only possible but certain. All is doomed. The old must give place to the new. Thus it will end. He says so."

"Then, my friend, men must be demon possessed and demon inspired. No sane man would prefer war to peace, bloodshed, plunder and death to tranquility? It must be of the devil."

"Perhaps so. I don't know. All I am sure of is this that a change is coming and coming soon. Disaster faces the human race."

"And will that be the end?"

"By no means. That will be followed, so he tells us, by a blaze of glory, a righteous government, a long, long peace, and great prosperity. But about this we know very little."

"Does he say how the world will be governed then?"

"Once or twice he has spoken of an all-powerful dictator, a world ruler, but not often. And when he does so, his tone is bitter."

"Have you seen him?"

"Never! He always speaks in the dark."

"Would you advise us to prepare for the worst?"

"It doesn't matter. You can't prepare. Just go on, and wait. There is no escape. You will have to meet it when it comes."

"Do you think God will permit it?"

"I do not believe in God."

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"That may be, my friend, but I do, and I know that what you have told me is true, though it may not take place as you think."

"You know? Where did you get the information? I thought it was a secret."

"Listen, my friend, I got it from the Bible. It is all there. And that One whom your spokesman calls a dictator, is the Christ of God. Satan will first produce his man, the Antichrist, and then God will enthrone His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will reign for a thousand years. Your master mind is right, but he got it from demon powers, and they learned it from God's Word."

"Moreover, there is a way of escape, and that way is through Christ. We are safe in Him, no matter what happens. You, my friend, are the one who is in danger. And I would urge you, sir, to flee from the wrath to come, by fleeing to Christ, before it is forever too late."

Keeping Bolshevism Out of Europe

The Christian world owes a debt of gratitude to Poland. That country saved Christian civilization from the onslaught of the Tartars and the Mongols in the centuries gone by. Then a wall of iron made up of Polish arms kept back the forces of "Gog and Magog" coming from the North. Now a Wall of Fire—the Gospel of Jesus Christ, preached in scores of mission stations along the Soviet border, must be considered the first line of defense against the spread of Soviet Bolshevism in Europe.

The Russian Gospel Association supports many missionaries along the Russian border in Poland.

The headquarters for this work is The Russian Gospel Association, 2109 Le Moyne Ave. P, Chicago, Illinois. Descriptive literature will be sent *Defender* Readers upon request.

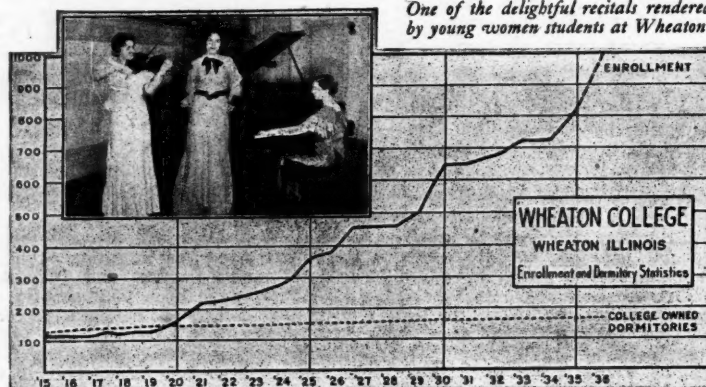


Chart showing unusual growth of Wheaton College during the last fifteen years. The fall enrollment is the largest in her history.

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The Ephrata Cloisters

By Mrs. Byron H. Maybury, Ephrata, Pa.

SITUATED in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania, just thirteen miles northeast of Lancaster, is the little town of Ephrata around which centers some of the most important and interesting facts of early American history.

On the western side of the town across the Cocalico Creek, stand the Cloisters, a group of large steep-roofed houses, with tiny windows and low door-ways. The history of these quaint buildings have made Ephrata famous and furnish a most unique narrative.

Came to America

During the 17th Century and the beginning of the 18th, there was a great religious revival in the Lutheran and Reformed Churches of Germany and England out of which arose groups of people who believed in the simplicity of the Church and who formed a new sect known as the "First Day German Baptists" or Dunkers. Because of strict adherence to their religious ideas, such as conscientious scruples against war, objection to union of Church and State in any form, and belief in the equality of man, they were bitterly persecuted.

Finally, many of the learned members of their sect emigrated to America. Among them was a young German by the name of Conrad Beissel, who was very diligent in his search of the Scriptures for the truth. He felt that the Seventh Day should be observed as the Sabbath Day, and forthwith betook himself to a cave where he might study the Word of God more closely. Soon others, who felt as he did, followed him to his place of abode, and it was here that a new sect known as the Seventh Day Baptists was formed with Conrad Beissel as their Leader.

Two Hour Sermons

The colony of adherents increased numerically and financially, so about the year 1740 two large buildings were erected, one for the men and one for the women. These buildings were put up with substantial timbers, with hand-carved doors, yet the appointments were of the strictest simplicity.

The bedrooms were small, just large enough to contain a wooden bench which served as the bed with a wooden block for a pillow, a small closet, and an hour glass. On the first floor of the Saal or Sister's Home is a chapel furnished with benches and tables in which their religious services, or love-feasts, were held. There is a large hour glass on the preacher's stand that was often turned over twice before the sermon was ended. The men sat on one side of the chapel, and the women on the other, the seating arranged so that they faced each other.

Besides this main chapel room, there were separate chapels in each house where mid-night services were held. They were allowed only two three-hour periods of rest, sleeping from 9 till 12, then arising for an hour's service, and retiring to sleep from 1 till 4. The rest of the time was spent at work or devotion.

Experts at Printing

Because of their arduous labor, their strict economy and their gifted and learned leader, Peter Miller, who was appointed at the death of Conrad Beissel, they were able to promulgate a growing and self-sustaining community. They set up their own printing press, made their own paper, ink and type with which they produced some remarkable pieces of literature. One of their largest works, "Martyr's Mirror" contained 1700 pages and took 13 men three years making the paper, printing and binding the edition. During the Revolutionary War, some of the Continental currency was printed on their press.

But a more wonderful service to the

new Republic was performed by this thrifty and God-fearing people when upon the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Peter Miller translated that immortal document into seven different languages, printed and sent the copies out to the colonies which were composed of people of various nationalities. This was considered a most worthy act of service to the nation because at that strategic moment the people were given a document which they could read in their own language and which served as a common bond of unity.

Cared for Wounded

Peter Miller was a close friend of George Washington often corresponding with him on matters concerning the War. So after the battle of Brandywine when the slain and wounded numbered about 1,200 and they were forced to winter in Valley Forge, the great and kind-hearted General sent 500 of those sick and wounded soldiers to Ephrata to be cared for by the good and pious Peter Miller and his followers.

The Cloisters were turned into a hospital with the loyal sisters acting as the nurses. There was plenty of provisions in this center of thriftiness, consequently, the greater portion of the

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men recovered. However, owing to the nature of their illness and the long hard journey to Ephrata, about 200 of them died and were buried on Mt. Zion close by. A beautiful monument furnished by the State has been erected on the site, and bears this inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of the patriotic soldiers of the American Revolution, who fought in the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, A. D. About 500 of the sick and wounded were brought to Ephrata for treatment. Several hundred died and were buried in this consecrated ground. *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*".

A beautiful poem written by William Noble gives us some picture of the worthy character of Peter Miller:

"Peter Miller's Appeal to General Washington"

A COURT martial had been held
In battle lines, on tented field,
A traitorous spy condemned to die;
His worthless life to law must yield.
The sentinel on his wary rounds
Pacing the courtyard's narrow bounds
Scanning with a watchful eye
In the distance soon did spy
A band of men—not more than seven—
Approaching swiftly near eleven
In the morning of the very day
When the culprit's life must pay
The penalty of his treacherous crime
The hour of noon—old people say—
As told to me so I relate to thee.
With broad-brimmed hats in sober brown,
Steadily came they marching down
Till called to halt, "Who comes there?
Friends or foes? What brings you
here?"

THEN stepped forth the foremost of
band,
While to his hat he raised his hand,
"We want to see your Chief Com-
mander,
The General of the army yonder.
I think I see his manly form
Mounting his charger in the storm.
Our mission is of peace, of love,
Inspired by Him, our God above.
We've heard of one condemned to die
By martial law—We do not lie,
Though foe to you, he is our brother
man."
The General raised his clear blue eye
And fixed his gaze on those near-by;
"Why Friend Miller, you're the last
person
On whom my thought would cast as-
persions
Have ye not nursed my wounded men
And cared for those within my ken?
At Ephrata those brave boys in blue
From Brandywine I sent to you.
From your larder ye supplied
Their needs, wants and else beside.
And would you now so far depart
From the patriotic fervor of your heart
As to undo all that noble deed
And travel sixty miles to plead
For that one worthless life
Who has helped prolong this strife
And sap the vitals of our infant nation,
Striving to defeat its consummation?
Peter Miller, I am surprised at you,
What now! Will you turn traitor too?"

"NAY! Nay! good, worthy Chief, not
so,
No traitorous blood is found to flow
Within our veins, of that make sure;
Nor with false words do we allure,

Nor deceit within our hearts we cherish,
If otherwise then let us also perish.
The man is condemned to death,
By your just law his vile breath
Must cease within the appointed hour
Unless mercy takes the place of power.
That man I say in humble truth
Has hated me, is foe to both
Our religion and our cause;
As false to us as to our Country's
laws—

Many times he jeered and taunted me,
Spat in my face provokingly,
Tried my patience and my faith
By buffeting in tantalizing wrath,
All because I loved my Saviour
And walked with Him in mild behavior;
And though his wickedness I spurn
Good for evil I would return;
Like my dear Lord would I ever be,
Praying for my direst enemy—
He is not fit to die, most noble Chief.
Wilt thou hearken me in brief
And I will say thee what thou mayest
do.

And mercy blend with justice, too.
Take him guarded to the stand,
Transport him back to his own land."

THE great Washington in accents mild
With heart as tender as a child,
As brave in war, as merciful in peace.
Did the culprit then release,
Sent him off from freedom's shore
To disturb our country's peace, no more.
And Peter Miller, where went he,
With his Peace Commission Commit-
tee?

Back to Cloister friends at Ephrata,
Where we find the records and the data,
There lived and died in harmony.
Revered by all who passed his way,
In peace with all, in love with God,
Here lies his dust beneath the sod,
A simple slab marks his humble grave,
He would have died his foe to save.

Masters in Music

Too much cannot be said of their musical accomplishments. We quote from one author: "Beissel was a first rate musician and composer. He wrote an essay on music as a preface to the 'Turtle Taube' in 1747. In composing sacred music, he took his style from the music of nature, and the whole, comprising large volumes, founded on the tones of the Aeolian harp—the singing is the Aeolian harp harmonized. Their singing so charmed the commissioners who were sent to visit the Society by the English Government, after the French and Indian War (1756) that they requested a copy to be sent to the Royal family in England, which was complied with.

"They had nearly 250 pieces of music, a piece being composed for every hymn. Many of these hymns with their accompanying music were transcribed into music books by the sisters, with a skill and finish much more resembling the manuscript work of the old European Monasteries than anything else."

Another writer says: "It will hardly be denied that, at the middle of the 18th Century there was more classical learning in the monastery at Ephrata than in all the rest of the community."

First Sunday School

Still another interesting fact connect-
ed with these folk is that the first
Sunday School in all the world was held
right here in the Ephrata Cloisters.
It was conducted by Ludwig Hacker
(Brother "Obad") in 1738, just forty-
two years before Robert Raikes in
Gloucester, England, organized his Sun-

day School in 1870. While the Cloisters were occupied by the wounded soldiers during the Revolutionary War, the Sunday School was abandoned and never afterwards resumed.

This remarkable data, with much more besides, can be found in the old chronicles which were conscientiously kept by the Sisterhood.

Just recently the Governor of Penn-
sylvania signed an appropriation of
\$10,000 for the restoration and pre-
servation of the Ephrata Cloisters, and
well it is that we should labor to keep
alive the memory of these God-fearing
loyal folk who have done so much in
their unique and humble way to give to
our nation an example of unselfish,
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THE 1935 World Zionist Congress
convened in Lucerne, Switzerland last
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The Black's Man's Burden

(For detailed Missionary Reports see page 30.)

"LET it never be forgotten—the long memory of black Africa never forgets and never forgives injury and injustice."

This sentence fell like a pall one day last month from the lips of Charles Te Water, delegate from the Union of South Africa to the League of Nations at Geneva. The well known African statesman, thereby served notice on the nations of the world that Mussolini's aggressive attitude against the Ethiopians was an injustice which time would never be able to erase.

Some of the world's greatest thinkers believe it will only be a matter of a few years until a great struggle between whites and blacks will take place. The color line is being sharply drawn. The only hope of keeping such a bloody chapter of history from being written is by quickly pouring the healing oil of the Gospel into the angry wounds which wicked white men have inflicted upon the people of Africa.

There are only two African countries which have independent governments free from the rule of white nations—Ethiopia and Liberia.

During the last few years the Defenders Movement has been able to render a genuine Christian service by launching a far-reaching evangelistic and missionary program in Liberia.

Our work is being carried among the Kroo tribes under the direction of Paul Revere, a converted and carefully trained Native, who spent several years in the United States acquiring a Christian education.

In a letter just received from Paul, written at an interior point near Grand Killah, he tells of a native church which has been built by new converts. According to his report, 150 people attended the dedication service. It is situated in a jungle area where the Gospel of Jesus Christ had never before been preached until our missionary went there. He tells how representatives came from other Defenders Churches to the dedication service. Four of these centers which sent representatives were Manneh, Sanquin, Tarsue, and Wissehpo.

Paul says: "My people are hungry for the Gospel. It seems that they have been forgotten, but I know that God loves them. My helpers and I are reaching people who have never before heard that God sent His Son into the world to die for them. . . . I have received several pathetic letters from Christian brethren in Sione in which they have repeatedly plead with me to send them a teacher. Now, I am glad to report that Brother Davis Weah, who was lately ordained a Defender preacher, has been designated to go and serve them."

(Editor's Note: Remember, it was a black man who carried the cross of Christ up Golgotha's hill after our Lord fainted under the weight of the heavy beam. For centuries the African has been a burden-bearer.)

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This picture shows a "Defenders Chapel" at a place called Sunoco on the Island of Puerto Rico.

Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, Director of the Spanish Defenders missionary work, writes: "I beg you to imagine, in mountains and valleys, on this Island, many groups of native Christians like this, witnessing daily and taking the message to their neighbors under Defender banners. This will give you some idea of how the Gospel Message is permeating this part of the world."

Missionary Strategy

LIKE a general at the head of an army, Dr. J. F. Rodriguez continues to direct the missionary attacks on Satan's strongholds in the West Indies.

His weapons include the Radio, the "Spanish Defender" Magazine, Colportage Work, the printing of a weekly Gospel Bulletin called "El Noticiero", public meetings addressed from the platform of the Gospel Auto-Bus, the Chapel ministry consisting of scores of open air preaching points dotted over Puerto Rico, the Spanish Defenders Bible School where preachers and Christian workers are being trained, the Tabernacles at Guayama and Rio Piedras, special Prophetic Conferences and Revivals in Protestant Churches — and other lines of work.

Indeed, this is a tremendous program! It is made possible only by the prayers and offerings of *Defender* Readers. Gifts of any amount will be thankfully received this month.

ON THE AIR

In spite of the poverty in which the masses of Puerto Ricans live, yet there are several thousand radio sets on the Island among the educated classes.

The weekly broadcast of the Defenders Movement, directed by Dr. Rodriguez, is generally regarded as the most popular program on the air in the West Indies. Puerto Rico has two stations. Dr. Rodriguez uses station WNEL.

By the wings of the air, he is able to take the Gospel into thousands of homes that could never otherwise be reached. The area covers Cuba, Central America, the northern part of South America, the Dominican Republic, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and many other islands dotted through that part of the world.

This is a worthy work, deserving of the help of *Defender* Readers everywhere.

Indian Convert

Copies Bible

Encouraging results continue to accompany the missionary labors of the Defenders Movement among the Navajo Indians of Arizona.

"We are often tempted to be discouraged" writes Katherine Beard, "but when we see how rapidly the new converts develop along spiritual lines, we are built up in faith and hope.

"A seventeen year old Indian boy called Edgar, came to the mission one morning and asked me for a Navajo Bible. I told him there was none I could give him. Being above the average intelligence, he brought a notebook and pencil the following day and asked if he might copy God's Word.

"This he did, spending several hours that day. Not many white people are this eager to possess the Scriptures."

Transformed By Grace

By Rev. L. S. Mercado

LEANDRO, a converted Yaqui Indian came to me at the close of a

meeting in Phoenix where he had heard me say I was going to the Arizona State prison to preach the Gospel to Spanish-speaking convicts.

"I would like to go with you" said he. "But the car is nearly loaded now", I said, "and perhaps you can go when the Parole Board meets".

"But I want to go when I can give the boys my testimony" he said. Then of course, I made arrangements and Leandro went with us to our regular Gospel service in Florence Prison Chapel.

The Warden, after looking at Leandro asked: "Isn't this the boy that was here a year ago?" "Yes and no", we replied, for Leandro is a "new creature in Christ Jesus". Although it is customary not to allow former convicts go inside the wall, prison officials said they would make an exception after hearing about the motive for this Yaqui's visit.

Once inside the Chapel, all the prisoners who came to the meeting looked on in wonder and amazement at this Yaqui who was joining heartily in the singing of the hymns. Then to their astonishment, when the opportunity came, the young man stood up, and facing those convicts, many of them criminals who knew him well, told what Christ had done for him. He testified to God's power to save, to keep and to heal both body and soul. Others then took courage and also testified.

Ordinarily a Yaqui Indian talks very little if at all, but the Christian Yaqui invariably experiences a loosening of both mind and tongue so that he can speak for his Master.

Such trophies of Grace as Leandro will no doubt serve to encourage *Defender* Readers who are investing tithes and prayers in the Indian missionary work.

(Editor's Note: Miss Beard represents the Defenders Movement among the Navajos while Rev. and Mrs. Mercado are laboring among the Yaquis. Both works are supported solely by gifts sent to Wichita Headquarters by the Readers of this Magazine.)

Travels In Greece

MR. A. VELONIS, Superintendent of the Greek missionary work of the Defenders Movement, being a native of Greece, knows how to adapt the

WHEN SENDING Missionary Offerings to Wichita Headquarters, be careful to designate for which field the money is to be used—Africa, Puerto Rico, Greece, or the Indians. Every cent received goes directly for the purpose given. Never a penny is kept out for operating expenses. All missionaries representing the Movement concentrate their efforts upon winning souls to Christ. The work is thoroughly evangelistic. **HELP GET THE GOSPEL OUT.**

Gospel to the people of his country.

The Greek Orthodox Church is a mingling of ancient paganism and Christianity. Yet it dominates the religious life of Greece.

Christian churches are practically unknown in Greece. It is to be questioned if in the entire Country there are more than one thousand Protestants.

But out in the byways and hedges, on the highways and in the villages, Mr. Velonis travels continually, witnessing for his Master, with the result that many souls are being saved, who never became identified with any definite Christian organization, aside from their contact with the Defenders Movement.

It is natural for the Greek to argue. His is essentially an argumentative type of mind. The following words from the 17th chapter of Acts are true to life today: "For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing."

The quotation given below from a letter recently received from Mr. Velonis will serve to illustrate the manner in which he is able to proclaim the Gospel in spite of the obstacles thrown in his path by Greek Orthodox priests:

"While I was at Karadjova on July 21, Sunday, I had a very interesting argument on the Plaza, in the Cafe, that made a great impression and I was able to distribute about one hundred copies of the 'Greek Defender' magazine. I also had many private conversations with different persons and groups.

"I had also such public debates in six other villages in my traveling over there, and I used, as always, a language very straight to the point, against the traditions of the pagan Greek Orthodox Church and their ikons. Always do I try to use every occasion to save some soul out of sin. But God protected me from being beaten."

(Editor's Note: Missionary offerings designated for the Greek work will be thankfully received at the Wichita Headquarters during October. This ministry has no means of support except gifts sent by Readers of the Defender.)

Missionary Principles

By Oswald J. Smith, Pastor The Peoples Church, Toronto.

AFTER visiting twenty-four different countries in Europe, Asia and America; after surveying and carefully studying missionary methods in various fields; after taking part in missionary conferences and conventions for years past; after conferring with leaders of many missionary societies; after extensive reading, prayer and meditation, I have come to the following definite conclusions regarding missionary work:

1. Our work must be Evangelical.

There must be no Higher Criticism, no Modernism in our ranks. Every worker must stand four-square for the

great fundamentals of the Faith. No missionary must be engaged who doubts the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, His vicarious death, salvation by faith, the need of regeneration, the inspiration of the Bible, the bodily resurrection of Christ, and His Second Coming, etc. To support any other is nothing short of tragedy. A house divided against itself cannot stand. We must see to it that our money is not used to help the enemies of the Gospel.

2. Our work must be Evangelistic.

We are to evangelize the world. To Christianize the nations in this dispensation is impossible, since it is not God's prophetic plan. Our business is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in the taking out of "a people for His name".

Hence we are not to build hospitals or give ourselves over to medical work. We are not to erect schools and colleges and spend our time educating the heathen. We are not to give ourselves to the social, political, or industrial betterment of the people. Nor are we to introduce our western civilization in an effort to change their manners and customs.

All this is good, but it is only the by-product of Christianity, and is first of all the business of the State. Our work is to preach the Gospel, and we must not be side-tracked. Institutional work puts the cart before the horse. The Gospel must go first. Raw savages can be saved. Ignorant heathen can be transformed into saints. The by-products will follow in due time, as needed. Let us put our money into the souls of men, rather than into bricks and mortar, and our investment will stand forever.

3. The chief work of the missionary must be the training of native Christians.

Never can we send out a sufficient number of foreign workers to occupy every village, town and city throughout the world. But we can, with a few missionaries, train enough native workers to evangelize every nation. That was the policy of Jesus. He trained the twelve, then the seventy, and sent them forth. Let us follow His example. Let everyone of our missionaries choose and train his twelve and his seventy.

4. We should make it a rule to aim for the largest centers of population.

That was Paul's method. He seldom went to the village; he went to the city. He never sought the back street; he sought the well-known, centrally located synagogue. He struck for the market place where everybody congregated. Within a few days or hours at the most, he had everyone talking. He planted the Gospel first of all in Ephesus, Corinth, Philippi, and Rome, all great world centers. And from these large cities it was sounded out to all the region round about.

If we bury ourselves in the smaller villages and towns, we will make but little headway. We must go to the principal centers if the country at large is to hear our Message. To make an impression, we must strike at the chief citadel itself, and hammer loud enough to start an uproar. Then

something will happen. Paul was spoken of as one who had "turned the world upside down." In fact, if he didn't have an uproar, he had but little to report. The Gospel is God's dynamite. Let us place it in the center of things where it will create the greatest possible commotion.

5. We must concentrate on the unoccupied areas.

If we want to bring back the King, if we want to hasten His Coming, we must take the Gospel to the last tribe, the last people, the last nation. We must go to "the regions beyond," to the places where Christ has "not been named." That, too, was always Paul's method. He did not enjoy building on another man's foundation. The place of greatest need is always God's place of greatest opportunity. Jesus never forgot the "other towns" and the "other sheep."

6. In matters of finance—information, prayer and faith.

Information results in inspiration. To withhold information regarding either the work or the needs, is to deny God's people the spiritual blessing that would otherwise come to them. Moreover, untold thousands will never even hear of the existence of many splendid efforts, unless large conventions and conferences are held to make the work known. Not only do missionary organizations need our help; we need the inspiration and blessing that a knowledge of their work and needs provide.

But then, besides telling the people, we must tell God. Prayer and missions go hand in hand. The greatest of all help in missionary work is that of intercession. We must advance on our knees. God has promised to answer prayer. And if He does not, if we are forced to send short allowances, we should check up at once. Unless our policy works, it is useless. If we are going to trust God, we must really trust Him!

7. We should never go into debt.

"Owe no man anything", is His Word. To disobey is to court disaster. We have no right to go forward until God supplies the funds. Let us get our prayers answered for the amount needed first, instead of forging ahead, and then looking for the money that does not come in. If God can provide for our needs *after*, He can just as easily do so *before*. George Muller spent only what God gave him; He prayed first for the money necessary and waited for God to answer that prayer before going ahead. And that is always a safe procedure. We have no right to incur debts for others to pay. Debt is a disgrace. It is dishonouring to God.

8. Our overhead must be kept low.

One of the greatest criticisms of missionary work today is provoked by the amount used for home expenses. I would strongly advise every contributor to find out just what portion of his dollar actually gets to the field, and how much is used for office expenses. It ought never to exceed 15%, less if possible.

These, my fellow-workers, are the principles that I am confident God can bless. I believe them to be not only Scriptural but also practicable.

International Sunday School Lesson Comments For Month of October and First Sunday of November

By Rev. Paul S. Wight, First Christian Church, Asheville, N. C.

Lesson for October 13th. The Story of Jeremiah Jer. 1:6-10; 26:8-15

THE Word of God either leads to repentance or awakens resentment. In this case, it awakened resentment. People frequently become angry when they get under conviction. The priests and the prophets were the leaders in opposition to the Word of God (ch. 23: 11-15; Mat. 21:15; Acts 4:1-6; 5:17). Even today the bitterest opposition to God's Word comes from some who are supposed to be accredited Ministers of the Gospel and from some theological professors. Seminaries are often centers of blasphemy.

History is repeating itself. Some think it is a new thing for accredited religious leaders to try to get God's people to discredit and reject the Bible. No, it is a very old thing, centuries old.

It is always the part of wisdom to listen to God, no matter how high a position those who oppose it, occupy, or how high a degree of "scholarship" they boast.

The persecution visited today upon the one who faithfully stands for the whole Word of God is not imprisonment or death, but the slanderous charge of "intolerance" and lack of scholarship.

The people are usually willing to follow their spiritual leaders into error, and rejection of God's Word (v. 9).

Jeremiah had to stand alone. They declared Jeremiah worthy of death because he prophesied against the city (v. 11); they did not inquire whether the prophecy was true or false. The man who declares unpleasant truth is considered an enemy, even though that which he declares is God's own truth (cf. Matt. 26:66; Acts 22:22).

The thing they should have done was to obey the voice of God, not to kill the prophet.

When a man undertakes for God, he can rest assured of strength being vouchsafed him for his task. Though he be called upon to suffer, his mission is secured. The servant of God is not promised ease, or popularity, or worldly comfort. But he is promised victory, and whether crowned or crownless when he falls, it matters not so that God's work be done.

Lesson for October 20th. The Message of Jeremiah Jer. 7:1-11, 21-23.

WE are not studying here the words of Jeremiah, but "the word that came to Jeremiah FROM JEHOVAH." It came TO "Jeremiah" but it came FROM "Jehovah." It was not something Jeremiah reasoned out, or that came from any "insight" of his own, born of his own experience; it was something he heard from another, from

God, and told to the people, just as he was bidden to do.

This may seem like a "mechanical theory of inspiration" (which some who have become befuddled by a man-made and shallow philosophy are so afraid of), but it is the theory of inspiration plainly taught in the Bible (2 Pet. 1:20, 21), and it is the only theory that will account for the facts as we have them in the Bible today.

And it was not only "the concept" that came to Jeremiah, but the very "words" in which the concept was clothed. The only theory of inspiration that agrees with Jeremiah's claims, and the claims of the Lord Jesus (Mat. 5:18; Jno. 14:10, 24; 17:8) is the theory of "verbal inspiration".

Instead of putting their trust in God's true and sure Word, the people put their "trust in lying words." They have countless imitators of their folly in our own day, and many of them are even in our churches. Instead of asking, "What does God say?" they ask, "What does science say?" or "What does the consensus of modern scholarship say?" or "What does this or that college professor (or brilliant popular preacher) say?"

The house dedicated to Jehovah had "become a den of robbers." So it was still in our Lord's day (Mat. 21:12, 13), and so many a professedly Christian church is today, with its disgusting commercialism, and carnivals and bazaars, etc., by which it tries to wheedle a little money out of unwilling purchasers who know what they buy is not worth what they pay.

Lesson for October 27th BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST (International Temperance Lesson)

Dan. 5:17-28.

VERSE 17—He will not be muzzled by gifts from one to whom he must declare the stern judgment of God. There is here a lesson for men today who are called to declare the whole counsel of God. How many a modern preacher hesitates to rebuke the sins of the men and women who contribute largely toward his salary, and how often Christians are forced to compromise the truth by asking the unsaved to contribute to the support of the church.

If there is any lesson clearly taught, both in Scripture and in history, it is that swift ruin awaits the man whose "heart is lifted up" in pride (v. 20; Prov. 16:5, 18; Dan. 4:37; Is. 14:12-17; Lu. 1:51, 52; 18:14).

Belshazzar's stout-hearted pride was peculiarly unpardonable. He sinned against great light. The extent of man's guilt is determined by the amount of light he sins against. But we have more light than even Belshazzar possessed. Who will measure our guilt if we do not humble our hearts?

Have we really done it? No civilization has ever survived a moral break down.

Great indeed was his folly. His very breath, all his ways, were in God's hands. God had the entire shaping of his destiny. His very life was at God's disposal, and yet Him had Belshazzar not glorified. What madness! Yes, but a madness that is being repeated every day in this land of Bible light. Our breath is in God's hand (Ps. 104: 29). In Him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:25, 28). Every detail of our temporal and eternal destiny is at His disposing (Prov. 20:24), and yet how many of us give Him scarcely a thought.

All men are in God's balances. He is weighing each of us day by day. How much do you think you weigh in God's balances? One may weigh well in man's balances, but go up in God's (Ps. 62:9, R. V.; Luke 16:15).

Belshazzar was not found wanting in man's balances. But when God came to weigh him and mark him, the mark was "found wanting."

Belshazzar's kingdom was cursed with universal immorality. How about America today? Are we truly a moral people? "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." We should read the handwriting on the wall and turn to God.

Booze is back. A condition worse than that of the old saloon days is upon us. Our conscience, as a nation, needs to be stirred by a great revival.

Lesson for November 3rd. Judah Taken Captive 2 Kings 25:1-12

THERE are five accounts in the Bible of the siege and fall of Jerusalem (cf. Jer. 39:52; Lam. 4; 2 Chron. 36: 17-21). The siege lasted a year and six months lacking a day.

At the outset of the siege, there appeared to be no likelihood that Jerusalem would be taken (Lam. 4:12), but God predicted that it would, and His predictions are sure.

It was because of the sins of the prophets and priests and people and the consequent anger of Jehovah against Jerusalem that it fell (Lam. 4:11, 13). Jehovah had withdrawn His watch care (Ps. 127:1), and the people had put their trust in Egypt (Lam. 4:17). The true secret of a nation's strength is its loyalty to God.

Five distinct literal and exact fulfillments of prophecy are found in this lesson: (1) Entrance of the princes of the king of Babylon into the city, and their setting up of their thrones in the middle gate (Jer. 21:4; 1:15). (2) The manner of the flight of Zedekiah (Ez. 12:12). (3) The capture of Zedekiah (Jer. 32:4-5). (4) That Zedekiah would be taken to Babylon and yet not see it (v. 7 with Ez. 12:13). (5) That the king

of Babylon would lead Zedekiah to Babylon (Jer. 32:4-5; 34:3). Zedekiah's eyes were put out after seeing the king but before reaching Babylon.

They were carried into captivity because of their lack of knowledge consequent upon their not studying and heeding God's Word (Is. 6:3).

This uprooting of the people was not final, nor was the later uprooting final. There is to be another siege of Jerusalem when the Lord will appear to deliver them (Ze. 12:7-8; 14:2-4, 14-16). This later siege will terminate dif-

ferently from the one here recorded because of the dependence of the people upon, and consequent help, of Jehovah; because Israel was some day to turn from her wicked ways and accept the true Messiah.

Judah had long wandered from God, but in His long-suffering patience, He had delayed the day of doom (cf. 2 Pet. 3:9; Eccles. 8:11). God's judgments are none the less sure because so long delayed (2 Pet. 3:10), and are all the more terrific when they do come.

Judgment always follows sin—whether in individuals or nations.

Jewish Catholic Kills Huey Long

By Robert E. Edmondson, Economist, New York City

THE following record speaks for itself:

"There is a possibility that Senator Huey P. Long can be induced to come out with the truth about the Jews. Long knows part of the story and he strongly suspects the whole truth (anti-American international conspiracy). A close friend of his has called to see me three or four times within the last two weeks. He left, on the way to Long's office, the last time, after assuring me that he would put the matter squarely up to the Senator, with his endorsement. I told him I would, through you, furnish Long with all the facts." Letter from a highly responsible gentleman in Washington written to me August 30, 1935.

"Senator Long assassinated by Dr. C. A. Weiss, Jr."—Associated Press dispatch dated September 9, 1935.

"NEW ORLEANS, SEPTEMBER 11: THE RACIAL HERITAGE OF DR. C. A. WEISS, JR., SLAYER OF SENATOR HUEY P. LONG, GERMAN-JEWISH. HE WAS BY BIRTH A ROMAN CATHOLIC. WEISS' FATHER WAS FROM A GERMAN-JEWISH FAMILY WHICH CAME HERE 100 YEARS AGO."—From Hearst's Washington, D. C., newspaper, *The Herald*, of September 12, 1935.

"There is no doubt that Long tried to break with the control."—Letter of September 11, from the responsible Washington source referred to above.

"The Roosevelt (Jewish-radical) Regime will be the greatest beneficiary from Long's death."—*New York Herald-Tribune*, September 13.

"Senator Long's assassination was the result of a deep-laid organized plot."—Earle J. Christianberry, Long's Secretary, in *New York American* newspaper September 13, saying later that he (Christianberry) had been threatened "with the same fate as Long" because "he knew much".

Under the title "The Real Huey Long", for weeks past Jewish-Communists have been circulating, in New York City, a pamphlet viciously attacking the late Senator.

The foregoing is submitted without comment, except to say that documentary evidence has been placed in a safe-deposit.

Editor's Note

SENATOR Long from boyhood was a Baptist. Close friends declare he

possessed positive Protestant convictions.

One of the last things the murderer did, before committing the crime, was to go to mass in a Roman Catholic Cathedral.

In the final issue of Senator Long's newspaper, published shortly before his death, he told of a plot which had been uncovered by his emissaries involving a conversation between alleged conspirators in a certain hotel room of Louisiana. He claimed that the voices of the plotters were heard through a dictaphone. He quoted them as saying that it would require only one gun, one bullet, and one life, to put him out of existence.

Press dispatches quote persons close to the late Senator as saying they believe lots were cast and that the Jewish Dr. Weiss of Baton Rouge got the short straw. Had he failed to carry out the compact, it is reported that his fellow conspirators were pledged to put him to death. On the other hand, the murderer was in position to know that it was virtual suicide to shoot the Senator because of the bodyguards who were always with him.

It is evident that if such a conspiracy actually existed, it would have had an occult base—the kind of a base out of which came the Jewish Illuminati in 1776 and the Jesuit Order in 1541. Out of the Illuminati came modern Communism. Out of the Jesuits came Rome's modern military order bearing the same name.

Let it also be remembered that Long's political philosophy, if carried to completion, would have broken the control of the international Jewish money power over American finance. Moreover, Long's most terrific attacks had been recently directed against the leading Roman Catholic leader of the Roosevelt Administration.

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He said it was unsafe to attempt to hold religious meetings in Russia, as spies would be present and anyone who took an active part would be sure to disappear. However, they will allow money to be sent to starving families in Russia, because they want American money worse than they hate religion."

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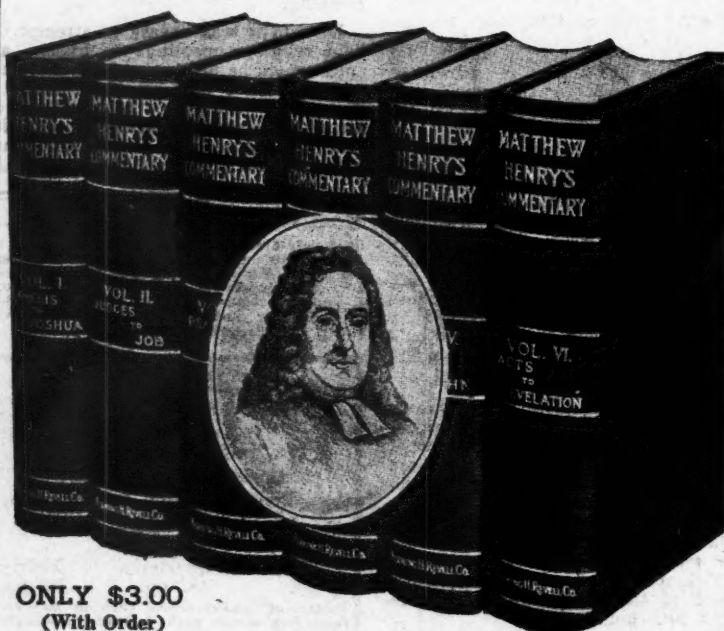
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